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MINUTES

OF THE

SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of three thousand pounds, State money, dated the seventh day of April last, for the purpose of paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which the said Nicholson is to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Hon'ble Thomas Smith, Esquire, three hundred weight of gun powder and four hundred weight of lead, to be by him forwarded to Colonel George Ashmant, Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, for the use of the militia of the said county.

WHEREAS, A number of well affected inhabitants of Charles town, who have suffered a long and painful captivity, have been exchanged and arrived in this city, after having been plundered by the common enemy, and thereby left destitute of the means of procuring accommodations suitable to their merit and rank in life:

And Whereas, It is an indispensible duty to provide them with suitable quarters free of any expence:

Resolved, That the Deputy Quarter Master General of this city do immediately accommodate all such persons as shall apply to him

under the above description, with suitable apartments, in such houses in this city and liberties as are most convenient for that purpose, having due respect to the numbers of persons in family and the size of the houses; and that the wardens of the city, or so many as may be necessary, be requested to assist the said Quarter Master in the said service.

WHEREAS, The Hon'ble the delegates of the States of Virginia have presented a memorial to this Board, representing that fifteen bales of merchandize, the property of the said State, have been attached, by virtue of a process issuing out of the Court of Common Pleas of this city, at the suit of Simon Nathan, at present a resident of this State. That the said merchandize is now accordingly arrested in the hands of Messrs. Mifflin and Butler as garnishees. That the said memorialists apprehend that the State of Virginia, now in union with this and the other United States of America, as free, sovereign and independant, cannot nor ought not to be in any respect held to answer in the Courts of Justice of any other State, nor reduced to the alternative of yielding its property to a claim made by any individual in any such court, and that such procedure is in other respects dangerous to the publick interests: Whereupon, due deliberation having been had, and the opinion of the Attorney General of the State taken in the premises,

Resolved, First. That the said process is derogatory to the rights and sovereignty of the Commonwealth of Virginia as a free sovereign and independent State, and that farther procedure thereon ought not to be had.

Secondly. That the Sheriff of the city of Philadelphia, and all other civil officers of this State, concerned in the arrest or detention of said goods, do immediately deliver the same to such persons as may be appointed in behalf of said State by the Honorable Delegates thereof, in Congress assembled, and forbear farther molestation or disturbance of the said State or its legal agents in the premisses.

AND WHEREAS, The said Simon Nathan, the plaintiff in said suit, having been brought before this Board, examined touching his conduct, and having declared that he had taken out the said process merely as a matter supposed of right, and being ignorant of the priviledges of the State in this respect: The Sheriff and Prothonotary alledging the same, and the delegates of Virginia having signified their desire that as this is the first instance of such aggression, no farther notice may be taken of any of the parties.

Resolved, That the said plaintiff, Simon Nathan, be discharged from farther attendance.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major James Parr, for the sum of six hundred pounds specie, payable out of the subscription raised pursuant to a vote of the twenty-second day of June last, for the purpose of raising three hundred Riflemen for the service of the United States, for which he is to account.

WHEREAS, It appears by a certificate, signed by William Pollard of this city, that there is due from him to William Price, formerly of this city, merchant, an attainted traitor, the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven pounds eleven shillings and four pence, Pennsylvania currency, and the same becoming the property of the State, ought to be paid to the Agents for Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia; wherefore,

Ordered, That if the said sum be not accordingly paid on or before the first day of August next, the Attorney General be required to sue for the same without further delay.

A letter was read from David Brearly, dated Trenton, June 28th, 1781, and directed to the Hon'ble Thomas McKean, Esquire, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, informing that a certain Joseph Shackleton alias Smith, who is charged with having committed a robbery in Philadelphia; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said letter be sent to the Honourable George Bryan, Esq'r; that he be requested to inquire into the said case, and, if he shall think it proper, to send for the said Shackleton, at the expence of the county of Philadelphia.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Commissioners for selling the city lots do suspend the sale of such lots as are now within the inclosures of St. Peter's church, and also of the Presbyterian meeting house in Pine street, until farther orders.

A letter from divers inhabitants of the town of York, in the county of York, in this State, of the seventh instant, was read, informing that the office of Clerk of the Market in the said town is now vacant, and recommending Mr. John Ehrman as a proper person to be appointed to said office; thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. John Ehrman be appointed and commissioned to be Clerk of the Market in the town of York aforesaid.

The following proclamation being read and considered, the same was agreed to and ordered to be published, vizt:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, Divers ill-disposed persons have manufactured or imported into this State quantities of base metal, in the similitude of British half pence, but much inferior in value and weight to genuine British half-pence, to the great depreciation of that coin, the injury of the community in general, and the poor in particular, such practices having a natural tendency to raise the necessarys of life and introduce new confusion in the currency of the country: We have, therefore, thought proper to prohibit, and do hereby strictly enjoin all officers employed in the receipt of taxes or other publick dues, not to receive such base coin in any payments whatsoever; and do earnestly recommend to all the faithfull inhabitants of this State to refuse it in payment, and by all other lawful ways and means discourage the currency thereof; and we do in a special manner direct and enjoin all Magistrates, Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers within this State, to make due inquiry after offenders in the premises, that they may be brought to speedy and condign punishment.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the less seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this fourteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest—T'y Matlack, Secr'y.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

A memorial from Nicholas Miller, of the borough of Lancaster, was read, and the same was dismissed.

A petition from Isaac Green, Jun'r, now confined in the gaol, praying to be discharged from confinement without entering on board the Trumbull frigate, was read, and rejected.

In Council.

Philadelphia, Monday, July 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Cunningham.
No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Lacey.

Mr. Cunningham, and.

The Board taking into consideration the resolve of the Hon'ble Congress of the United States, passed the twelfth instant, setting forth that "Whereas, It has been represented to the United States, "in Congress assembled, that there are many French seamen, sub- "jects of his most Christian Majesty, in the United States, em- "ployed on board armed and other vessels in the service of the "said States or the citizens thereof: And whereas, It has also been "represented that the said seamen are necessary for compleatly "manning the squadron under the Count De Barras; all officers, "therefore, commanding armed or other vessels, under commis- "sions from the United States, in Congress assembled, are hereby "ordered and directed immediately to deliver to the said Count De "Barras, or to any person or persons by him appointed to receive "the same, all French seamen, subjects of his said Majesty, who "are or may be entered on board their vessels respectively; and if "any officer commissioned as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse com- "plying with this order, he shall forfeit his commission, and be "subject to such other punishment as to right shall appertain; and "it is earnestly recommended to the Legislatures and Executives "of the several States to give effectual aid and support for the exe- "cuting this order, and also for delivering to the Count De Barras "all French seamen, as aforesaid, that may be otherwise employed "within their respective jurisdictions;" whereupon,

Resolved, That all Merchants, Captains of vessels, and other citizens or inhabitants of this State, be strictly enjoined to pay due obedience to the above resolve, and all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and Constables, and other civil officers, be directed to aid and assist such persons as may be legally appointed by the Commander of the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, in apprehending and securing such French mariners, as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble John Lacey, Jun'r, Esq'r, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which sum he is to account.

A petition from George A. Baker, was read, setting forth that Captain Robert Bethel purchased at a vendue of confiscated estates, the messuage and lot of ground late the estate of Abraham Car-

lisle, an attainted traitor ; that the right of the said Robert Bethel is since become vested in him, the said George A. Baker; that the widow of the said Abraham Carlisle is in possesion of the premises, and refuses to deliver them up; whereupon, he hath prayed the aid of this Board to cause possesion to be given him, agreeable to the act of Assembly; and the same act being considered,

Resolved, That the Seeriff of the city and county of Philadelphia do give possesion of the said premises to him, the said George A. Baker, in due form of law, he paying the incident expences.

A petition from Edward Evans and John Linnington, was read, setting forth a claim to a city lot, appurtenant to the original purchase of William Salway, and praying a hearing in the premises; and the same being considered ; thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board cannot grant the prayer thereof, or direct the Attorney General to receive a declaration in ejectment for said premises, until the possesion thereof be given up to the publick, and that in failure thereof, the Wardens be directed to execute the late act of Assembly intitled "An Act for the better "support of the publick credit by an immediate sale of the lands "therein mentioned, and fully securing the purchaser thereof in "their titles, and also for preserving the common lands appurte-"nant to the city of Philadelphia and other towns in this State, "from unwarrantable encroachment," such posession being deemed and an unwarrantable usurpation of publick property.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18th, 1781, Wednesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Gardner, and

The Hon'ble Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of the Finances of the United States of America, presented to the Council an order on the Treasurer of the State in the following words, vizt:

"SIR:—According to the form and effect of sundry resolutions "of the Honourable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth "of Pennsylvania, of the twenty-fifth day of June 1781, you are "hereby required to pay or cause to be paid to Thomas Smith, Es-"quire, Continental Loan Officer, the sum of one hundred and for-"ty-six thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, being in payment "of the ballance due to the United States for four-tenths of the

"bills of credit to have been issued according to the resolutions of "Congress of the eighteenth of March, 1780, for which this shall "be your sufficient warrant.

"Given under my hand, at Philadelphia, this fifteenth day of July, "1781. ROBERT MORRIS,

"Superintendant of Finances.

"To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, Treasurer."

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said draught be countersigned by his Excellency the President.

A return of Justices for the township of Milford, in the county of Cumberland, was read, by which it appears that Thomas Beale, William Bell, Alexander Robinson, and John Williams, were duly elected by the freeholders of the township aforesaid; whereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas Beale and William Bell, Esquires, be appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Cumberland.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, for the sum of three hundred and ten pounds, one specie, for the purpose of procuring supplies of provisions for the army, for which he is to account as Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases of the several counties.

Mr. Philip Audibert, Deputy Paymaster General of the United States, presented to the Council an order of Congress in the following words, vizt:

For 4,000 dollars, new emission.

GENTLEMEN:—Pay to John Pierce, Paymaster General of the United States, or his assistant, the sum of four thousand dollars, new emission, to enable him to discharge the warrant upon him for three months pay to the invalid regiment, for which sum the said Paymaster General is to be accountable.

By order of the United States in Congress assembled, June 29th, 1781. SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, President.

Passed in the Auditor General's Office, July 2nd, 1781.

JAMES MILLIGAN, Auditor General.

To the Honourable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the State be directed to pay the aforesaid draught of Congress, in favour of John Pierce, Esquire, and that the order for so doing be endorsed on the said draught, in the following words, vizt:

For £1,500 State m'y.

IN COUNCIL, Philadelphia, July 18th, 1781.

SIR:—Pay to John Pierce, Esq'r, Pay Master General of the United States, or to his assistant, the sum of fifteen hundred

pounds of the emission of the seventh of April, 1781, agreeable to the within draught of Congress, and charge the same to the United States of America.

JOSEPH REED, President.

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esquire, Treasurer.

An application from A. G. Claypoole, Captain in third Pennsylvania regiment,appointed to receive recruits at New-Town, in the county of Bucks, requesting that provision may be made for them while they remain in that town, was read. On consideration,

Ordered, That John Hart, Esquire, of the said county, be requested to contract with some person to supply them, at as reasonable rates as can be obtained, the payment to be made in specie, which this Board will endeavour to comply with.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 19th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of fifty pounds, specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A letter was read from Lewis Weiss, of this day's date, respecting a deed drawn by him for several lots of land upon the State Island to Mr. Holker, in consequence of a purchase by Mr. Telles, and payment by Mr. Telles in the name of Mr. Holker.

On consideration of the many difficulties which will probably arise from the executing of deeds to any other than the person to whom it was actually struck off at vendue, and in whose name the sale was accordingly entered, agreed, that the deed can be executed to no other person than the actual purchaser at the publick sale.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 20th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

On consideration,

Resolved, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Captain David Zeigler five hundred pair of shoes, taking his receipt therefor.

A memorial was read from Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill and Richard Wells, representing that they are intitled to sundry lots and liberty lands, appurtenant to original purchases, in right of divers therein named, and declaring a readiness to produce the several rights therein named, before Council, at such time and manner as they shall be pleased to direct; and requesting the respective lots appurtenant to the said purchases may not be sold amongst others, but that the same may be laid out agreeable to the first intention of the grants.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Mr. William Pollard, who has refused to pay to the Agents the monies in his hands late the property of William Price, an attainted traitor; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates for the city of Philadelphia, be directed to lay before the Attorney General Mr. Pollard's written acknowledgment of the debt due from him to the said Price, and inquire of him whether any more summary process may be had for the recovery of the same than that directed in common cases, and if there be, to issue the same, otherwise to issue common process for the recovery of the said money, with the penalty, as by law directed.

WHEREAS, It appears by the accounts rendered by Archibald M'Clean, Esquire, that the sum of thirty-one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, State money, hath been advanced by him to Major James Moore; therefore,

Ordered, That the said Major James Moore do repay the said sum of thirty-one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence to the said Archibald M'Clean.

The Board taking consideration the resolution of the Honourable House of Assembly of the twelfth day of March last, vizt:

In General Assembly, March 12th, 1781.

Whereas, The confederation of the United States is now happily compleated, and an opportunity is thereby offered to bring to final settlement the long depending dispute between this State and that of Connecticut; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Supreme Executive Council, to take all necessary and expeditious measures for the consideration and determination of the said dispute, agreeable to the ninth artiele of the Confederation of the United States.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the following petition be presented, vizt:

To the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America.

The petition of the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, humbly sheweth:

That a controversy has long subsisted between the said Commonwealth and the State of Connecticutt, respecting sundry lands laying within the northern boundary of the State of Pennsylvania, and as your petitioners alleged, clearly comprehended within the limits of the charter or grant made by Charles the Second, and dated the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and eighty, to William Penn, Esquire, the first proprietary of Pennsylvania, vizt:

All that tract or part of land in America, with all the Islands therein contained, as the same is bounded on the east by Delaware river, from twelve miles distant northwards of New-Castle town unto the three-fortieth degree of northern latitude, if the said river doth extend so far, but if the said river shall not exteud so far northward, then by the said river so far as it doth extend; and from the head of the said river, the eastern bounds are to be determined by a meridian line to be drawn from the head of the said river unto the three and fortieth degree; the said laud to extend westward five degrees in longitude, to be computed from the said eastern bounds; and the said lands to be bounded on the north by the beginning of the three and fortieth degree of northern lattitude, and on the south by a circle drawn at twelve miles distanee from New Castle northward and westward unto the beginning of the fortieth degree of northern latitude; and then by a straight line westward to the limits of longitude above mentioned.

That by an act of Assembly passed the twenty-seventh day of November, 1779, the right and title to all and singular the premises, is now become duly vested in the Commonwealth.

That certain persons calling themselves the Susquehanna company, first set up a claim upon the said lands usually called the Wyoming lands. That the said claim was first patronized, and

afterwards adopted by the Legislature of the State of Connecticutt, and sundry settlements on said lands under the authority of said State.

That your petitioners do most expressly deny that the State of Connecticutt hath any just or lawful right claim to the premises above mentioned, or any other comprized within the limits aforesaid, and do pray the Hon'ble Congress to grant them a hearing in the premises, agreeble to the ninth article of the Confederation and perpetual Union entered into by the United States of America.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 21st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Gardner. and

On consideration,

Resolved, That Alexander Smith, of the county of Lancaster, be appointed Surgeon of the company of Rangers to be raised in the county of Northumberland, and such of the militia as may be in service for the defence of the frontiers.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the county of Chester, be directed not to receive any money on account of the sale made by them of Hogg Island, or any part of it, on Saturday last, the said sale being directly contrary to the orders given them by this Board; and that the agents concerned in the said sale, be ordered to attend in the Council chamber, as soon as may be, to give to the Board an account of their proceedings in that sale.

The Board taking into consideration the letters received from the Hon'ble Mr. Searle, by which it appears that unexpected embarrassments and obstructions have impeded the designs of his mission, and Congress have reasonable prospects of a considerable supply of cloathing and military stores, which make it less necessary to involve this State in partial expense:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that Mr. Searle do return as soon as conveniently he can after the receipt of this minute, unless he should have actually obtained a loan of money, or entered into a positive contract for the articles enumerated in his instructions, for the completion of which his attendance should be absolutely necessary.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to John Pleini, conveying a certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate in Heidelberg township, in the county of Berks, and according to a late survey thereof, bounded and being as follows, to wit: Beginning at a small hickory tree in the line of Adam Wegerly's land; thence by other land of Andrew Allen, now of Jacob Stahly, north forty degrees east forty-six perches and six-tenths of a perch to a post; thence by land of George Louch north sixty-five degrees west one hundred and seventy-four perches to a post; thence south forty degrees west three perches to a post; thence by the said Adam Wegerly's land south fifty degrees and one-half east one hundred and sixty-eight perches and one-tenth of a perch to the place of beginning; containing twenty-six acres and six perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor, to the said John Pleini, for the sum of three hundred and ninety-eight pounds seven shillings and sixpence, subject to a ground rent of eleven bushels of good merchantable wheat, payable yearly to the Trustees of the University; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-first day of July instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 23rd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Dr. James Hutchinson, of the city of Philadelphia, practitioner in physick, conveying a certain messuage or tenement and plantation or tract of land situate on the river Schuylkill, in the township of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, and according to a late survey thereof, bounded and being as follows, to wit: Beginning at a white oak tree standing by the side of the river Schuylkill aforesaid; thence extending by land late of Samuel Shoemaker, south fifty-one degrees east fifty-six perches to a white oak tree; thence still by the same land south forty-six degrees thirty minutes east forty-three perches to a post standing by the side of a road or lane leading from Wissaheckon road to Schuylkill; thence along the said road or lane south sixty-one degrees

thirty minutes west ninety-five perches to a post; thence by land now or late of John Macpherson north forty-eight degrees thirty minutes west sixty perches and six-tenths of a perch to the side of the river Schuylkill aforesaid; thence up the said river the several courses thereof eighty-nine perches and five-tenths of a perch to the place of beginning; containing forty-four acres and one hundred and twenty-two perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor, to the said Dr. James Hutchinson, for the sum of twenty-four thousand and four hundred pounds Continental money; subject to the yearly ground rent of ten bushels and two tenth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-third day of July instant.

WHEREAS, This Board lately taking into consideration the state of the prisoners in the old gaol, and the dangers to which they, as well as the inhabitants of this city, might be exposed from contagious disorders arising from their and the narrow limits of that place of confinement, did dismiss a number who have been in long confinement, and Samuel R. Fisher having now sustained an imprisonment of two years upon a conviction of misprision of treason, and being represented to us in a bad state of health, and that his life may be endangered by his continuance in prison during the summer months:

Resolved, That so much of the sentence as inflicts imprisonment during the war be remitted, and he be discharged from his present confinement, paying the costs and charges which have arisen on the prosecution, and that the Secretary do make out a pardon in form.

A letter from John Ord, Esquire, of the fourteenth instant, setting forth his intention of going into the country for the recovery of his health, and requesting that his son-in-law, Mr. William Webb, may be appointed a Notary Publick to transact the business of his office in his absence, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. William Webb be appointed and commissioned to be a Notary Public in this State in the absence of John Ard, Esquire.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24th, 1781, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his account for the pay of the officers and men employed at the Forts of Mud Island and Billingsport, for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be directed not to receive from the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Chester, any money or depreciation certificates arising from the sale of Hogg Island, or any part of it.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of forty-five pounds specie, for the purpose of paying sundry persons employed in making up cloathing for the Pennsylvania troops, for which sum he is to account.

Lieutenant Colonel Mentzes laid before the Board a list of deserters of the men inlisted for the classes for eighteen months, vizt:

Thomas Jenkins,	Peter Beaty,	William Lowe,
Mich'l Campbell,	Richard Kennedy,	James Green,
Thomas Brown,	John Finney,	Richard Hackett,
George Clark,	Stephen Coquil,	Jacob Kremer, and
William Fisch,	Philip Lunning,	James Gallaway.
Reuben Parker,	Thomas Ramsey,	

And thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Mentges be directed to advertise the said deserters in the publick newspapers, offering a reward of three pounds specie for each and every of the said deserters, upon being delivered at the barracks of this city.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 25th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Nichola, for the sum of ninety-three pounds fifteen shillings, State money, dated the seventh of April last, amount of his account for his pay as Town Major from the nineteenth of February to the nineteenth of July, 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble James Cunningham, for the sum of fifteen pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency Thomas McKean, Esq'r, President of Congress, of the twenty-fifth instant, was read, inclosing resolutions of Congress of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth instant, for the purpose of procuring a loan of thirty thousand dollars for the distressed citizens of South Carolina and Georgia, who have been driven from their country and possessions by the enemy, and are lately arrived in this city, and also obtaining charitable donations for the further relief of said sufferers.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

On consideration,

Resolved, That Henry Osborne, and John Dutton Crimshier, Esquires, of the city of Philadelphia, be appointed and commissioned to be Publick Notaries for this State.

A letter from Frederick Rodfong, Esquire, of the county of Lancaster, of the twenty-fifth instant, inclosing his commission of

Captain of a company of foot in the fourth battalion of militia of said county, and praying leave to resign the same, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A letter from the Honourable the Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress of this day, was read, informing the Board, in answer to their letter of the twenty-third, that, in their opinion, the present is not the most proper time to prefer the petition of the Council respecting the Connecticut claim.

Ordered, That the said letter be filed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 27th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Thomas Nevell, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, for the purpose of repairing the State House, for which sum he is to account.

The Board taking into consideration that Samuel Quinn, lately appointed ensign of the ranging company, in the county of Northumberland, hath remained in this city longer time than is necessary, and there being reason to apprehend that he is transacting his private business to the neglect of the publick service; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Samuel Quinn's commission of Ensign be vacated.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 28th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be requested to supply the officers and men of this State employed at Mud Island and

Billingsport, with rations, at the rate which he has agreed to supply the Continental troops, vizt: nine pence half penny per ration, and that Captain Boys be directed to apply to Commodore Hazlewood for rations accordingly.

On consideration of the great expence of continuing officers and men of this State employed at Mud Island and Billingsport, and the extreme difficulty of finding money to pay them,

Ordered, That Captain Boys be informed that Council mean to discharge the whole of them on the first day of September next.

Ordered, That Captain Boys do make out a return of the gallies, rigging, &ca., under his care.

A petition from Elizabeth Wade, praying a pass to go into New York with her daughter, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that she give security not to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 30th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Cunningham.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31st, 1781, Tuesday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Gardner, and

A petition from William Angola, convicted of an assault and battery at the last City Court, and sentenced by the said court to pay a fine of five pounds to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said William Angola be remitted.

On consideration,

Resolved, Mr. John Miller, late Commissioner of Purchases in Lancaster county, be directed to settle with Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the said county, for money advanced by the said Lieutenant in supplying the militia marched to Northumberland county, and that the said Commissioner charge the same in his account with the publick.

The petition of John Howard was read, praying a remission of certain fines laid upon himself, his son Thomas and Mathew Shaw, of twenty-five pounds each, by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the city of Philadelphia; and the same being considered,

Ordered, That the fine of twenty-five pounds imposed on Mathew Shaw be remitted.

The petition of Bethian Sonmams was read, praying that her claim to certain lots, &ca., may be heard; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The petition of Elizabeth Mooney, convicted of felony upon law indictments, before the City Court was read, and the transcripts of the sentences of the court being read and considered, and also a certificate of her being at present very ill with a remitting fever;

Ordered, That the said Elizabeth Mooney be pardoned, and that a pardon be made out accordingly.

A letter from Robert Morris, Esquire, dated the thirtieth instant, was read.

The petition of James Paeker, in the name of Thomas Lightfoot, James Paeker, Michael Holman, John Laubaek, George Emery, Peter Hartman and John Urmy, in behalf of themselves and others, &ca., was read, setting forth "That they are intitled "to divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia in right of "Richard Pyke, who was an original purchaser of ten thousand "aeres of land in this State, and confiding in the wisdom and justice "of the Hon'ble Board, pray that their title may be examined, and "the lots appurteuant to the said purehase laid off to them, and "your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

Ordered, That this Board will hear the said claim on Friday, seventeenth of August next.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 1st, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Bonham, for the sum of five pounds fifteen shillings, State money, dated the seventh of April last; and the sum of four pounds twelve shillings specie, amount of his account for five reams of writing paper, bought at publick vendue, for the use of the Council.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, do immediately have fifty stand of arms repaired, and provide two thousand cartridges and one hundred flints, to be forwarded to Lancaster, under the direction of the Hon'ble Mr. Cunningham, for the use of the militia on duty as guards at Lancaster.

Ordered, That Captain Stiles do purchase two thousand flints.

The Board resumed the consideration of the papers transmitted by William Henry and Paul Zantzinger, Esquires, respecting the estate of John Ruby; and thereupon,

Resolved, First, That the said papers be transmitted to the Escheator General, in order that proper measures may be taken to vest the said estate in the Commonwealth, subject to the claim of the heirs of said John Ruby, if made within twenty-one years, agreeable to the act of Assembly.

Secondly, That it is the opinion of this Board that the interposition of the claim of this Commonwealth in the dispute between the landlord and tenant, is premature and improper, it being indifferent to the State in whom such temporary possesion rests, and the said claim is hereby disavowed, so that the said Justices may proceed in the said suit, the claim made on the part of the Commonwealth notwithstanding.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Board that the records of the Mayor's office of this city still remain in the hands of of Samuel Powell, Esquire, late Mayor.

WHEREAS, The Lieutenant of the county of Northampton hath represented that from the deficiency of the classes called forth for the defence of the frontiers, he apprehends it will be necessary to call a farther class.

Resolved, That in case such deficiency shall happen and continue, the said Lieutenant be authorized to call forth a farther class, agreeable to the request contained in his letter of the thirteenth instant.

Resolved, That Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of this city, do receive the said records, and that the receipt of the said Plunket Fleeson, or any person by his appointment therefor, shall be a sufficient voucher and authority to the said Samuel Powell, Esquire, in the premises.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Captain Jacob Bunner, conveying a lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of Water street, between Sassafras and Mulberry streets; containing in breadth north and south twenty-six feet six inches, and extending in depth into the river Delaware as far as low water mark: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the estate late of John Parrock, an attainted traitor, to the said Captain Jacob Bunner, for the sum of one thousand and ninety, subject to the yearly rent of thirty-two bushels and seven-tenths of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the first instant.

In Council

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 2d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of twenty-three pounds five shillings specie, amount of his account for his wages as Door-keeper, from the first to the thirty-first of July, inclusive, at fifteen shillings per day.

A petition from William Barton, Esquire, praying to be appointed a Notary Publick in this city, in adddition to those already appointed; was read, a recommendation from divers respectable citizens in favour of the said William Barton, being also read; thereupon,

Resolved, That William Barton, Esquire, be appointed a Notary Publick, agreeable to the prayer of the said petition, and commissioned accordingly.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Andrew Hirty, three hundred

weight of gunpowder, four hundred weight of lead, and two hundred flints, to be forwarded to Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county, and that the said Commissary be directed to take a receipt therefor.

A petition from Christiana Philips, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted, on condition that she give a sufficient security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 3rd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

WHEREAS, Divers Justices of the Peace, thro' misapprehension of the act of Assembly intitled "An Act for recruiting the Penn-"sylvania line, in the army of the United States," or otherwise have given certificates to persons bringing recruits under the said act, in behalf and at the expense of the class to which such persons respectively belong, by which they may claim exemption from the militia: Whereas, Such exemption is by law only extended to those who shall inlist a recruit in their own private right, and deliver him to the proper officers, exclusive of any connection with the class, and such certificates tending to create confusion and dispute in the execution of the militia law:

Resolved, That the said Justices of the Peace do forbear to give such certificates of exemption, except in cases warranted by law, as above set forth, and that they as far as possible recall such as have been already granted, or certify the same to the Lieutenant, so as to prevent future dispute.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, for the sum of six hundred and twenty-five pounds, specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the city of Philadelphia now in service, the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and to be repaid out of the monies arising from militia fines.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 4th, 1781

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Hart, for the sum of one hundred and fifty-five pounds eight shillings and six pence, State money, dated the seventh of April, 1781, ballance of his account of bounties paid to recruits and the gratuities allowed by the Assembly to the retained soldiers.

Ordered, That William Will, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to deliver to Captain Jeremiah Jackson, of the sixth Pennsylvania regiment, or his order, a certain James Wilson, now confined in the old gaol, in order to stand his trial for desertion, before a Court Martial; the said James Wilson to be returned to the Sheriff as soon as the trial is ended.

The petition of Mr. Samuel Bryan, was read, wherein many other things he states his having been made prisoner by the enemy on his voyage to Havannah, and carried to the Island of New Providence; that himself and two other gentlemen, prisoners, had been furnished with necessarys while there, and the means of returning to their homes by Mr. John Baldwin, of New Providence; that being unwilling to export gold or silver, and bills not being negotiable at New Providence, requests that he may be permitted to export six tierces of sugar, an article of luxury at all times, and remarkably plentiful at present, for the purpose of repaying the monies received by the said prisoners. On consideration,

Ordered, Mr. Samuel Bryan be permitted to export to New Providence six tierces of sugars on board the flag of truce, Good Intent, whereof John Tucker is Master, for the purpose expressed in the aforesaid petition.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 7th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Thompson, (now first returned from his family.)

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Escheator of the State do take possesion of such estates as may appear to be escheated the Commonwealth, and that he be authorized to let the same for the best rent that can be obtained therefor, not exceeding the term of one year, and that he be allowed for his trouble five per centum on the proceeds, and five per cent. on the amount of sale of such as shall be sold, with reasonable charges.

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be requested to attend the Council to-morrow at twelve o'clock, to give information concerning the claim of Major Parr to a city lot, in right of Richard Waln.

The Council takiug into consideration the seizure by the Agents for Forfeited Estates of an house and lot in Second street, as being the property of Benjamin Booth, and on inquiry, the same appearing to have been assigned by James Steele, late of this city, for the payment of his debts, and the said Benjamin Booth not appearing to have any right or title therein,

Ordered, That the Agents for Forfeited Estates do withdraw the claim of the State against the said house and lot.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Hamell, for the sum of three pounds, specie, for apprehending and securing a deserter, agreeable to advertizement, as certified by Lieutenant Colonel Mentges.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of one hundred pounds, specie, for paying persons employed in making up cloathing for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line.

A petition from Ludwig Fohrer, was read, setting forth that the Collector of Excise hath seized two pipes of Teneriffe wine belonging to him, he having neglected to enter the same in due form of law, and praying remission for such part thereof as is forfeited to the State; thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be not granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 8th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of twenty pounds, specie, in part of his account as one of the Auditors of Accounts for settling the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Thomas Smith, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds, specie, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Aug't 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-four pounds, State money, dated the seventh day of April, 1781, to be by him paid to Thomas Reynolds, of the State of New Jersey, in full of his account for waggon hire.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Melchior Steiner, for the sum of two pounds five shillings, specie, and one other for the sum of five pounds two shillings and six pence, specie, amount of his accounts of May 16th and July the 23rd, 1781, for printing for the use of the Council.

The Hon'ble James Thompson, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account, vizt :

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to James Thompson.

For his attendance in Council from the 29th of May to the 29th of June, 1781, inclusive, 32 days at 25s. per day,	£40
To riding to and from Philadelphia, 50 miles, at one shilling per mile each time,	5
	£45
Cr. By an order on the Treasurer for State money,	30
Ballance, - - - - - - -	£15

An thereupon an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble James Thompson, for the sum of fifteen pounds, specie, agreeable to the foregoing account.

It appearing by a certificate from General Wayne, that John Stotesbury, late of the eight Pennsylvania regiment, is entitled to the rank of Captain in the sixth Pennsylvania regiment, from the tenth day of August, 1779 ; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Stotesbury be appointed a Captain in the said last mentioned regiment, and recommended to the Honourable Board of War for a commission accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 10th, 1781.

PRESENT :

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President of the State, to his Excellency Thomas McKean, President of Congress, conveying a three-story brick messuage, coach house, stables, and four contiguous lots of ground, situate in the city of Philadelphia, and bounded as follows, vizt :—The lot in the hereon endorsed plan, marked No. one, whereon the said messuage is erected, situate on the east side of Third street, between Pine street and Union street, containing in breadth east and west thirty feet, and extending from Pine street to Union street, one hundred and sixty feet, bounded southward by Pine street, eastward partly by the next described lot, and partly by Andrew Duche's ground, northward by Union street aforesaid, and westward by Third street aforesaid. One other of the said lots in the said plan, marked No.

2, situate on the north side of Pine street aforesaid, adjoining lot No. one, containing in breadth east and west fifteen feet, and extending in depth ninety feet, bounded eastward by the next described lot, northward by the lot late of Andrew Duche, deceased, westward by the above described lot, and southward by Pine street aforesaid. One other of the said lots in the said plan, marked No. 3, situate on the north side of Pine street aforesaid, adjoining lot No. two, containing in breadth east and west fifteen feet and extending in depth ninety feet, bounded eastward by the next described lot, northward by ground late of Maurice Rodgers, deceased, westward by lot No. two, and southward by Pine street aforesaid. And the other of the said lots in the said plan, marked No. four, situate on the north side of Pine street aforesaid, containing in breadth east and west twenty-feet, and extending in depth ninety feet, bounded eastward by ground now or late of Charles West, northward by ground of John Grandson, westward by lot No. three, and southward by Pine street aforesaid: Seized and sold agreeable to the law, as the estate late of Jacob Duche, Jun'r, to the said Thomas McKean, for the sum of seven thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, subject to the yearly rent of two hundred and thirty-two bushels and a half of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said city, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid; and subject also to the several rent charges issuing yearly out of the said lots. Deed dated the ninth instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to John Fromberger, conveying a lot or parcel of land on Province Island, marked in plan of said island No. two; beginning at a stake in the middle of the road leading from the Ferry to Tinnicum and Chester; thence in the middle of a ditch, by which this lot is divided from the lot No. one, North twenty-eight degrees west fifty-eight perches and two-tenths to a stake put in the ground on the inner side of the bank of Mingo creek; thence by the said bank thirty-three perches and two-tenths to a stake; thence by lot No. three, south twelve degrees east fifty-nine perches and four-tenths to another stake in the middle of the said road, south seventy-eight degrees west seventeen perches and three-tenths to the place of beginning; containing nine acres and thirty-one perches of land, strict measure: And all that bank and cripple and marsh land which lies between the said described embanked land and low water mark of Mingo creek: Sold agreeable to act of General Assembly, passed for the redemption of the bills of credit, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780: Consideration, four hundred and fifty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence. Deed dated the ninth instant.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the county of York be directed to deliver over to Colonel William Scott, Lieutenant of the said county, a certain quantity of amunition now in his hands, upon inquiry it appearing to belong to this State; and that he take a receipt therefor.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardeer, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Thompson, and

The Council taking into consideration that the tour of duty of the militia now in service as guards at Lancaster, will shortly expire,

Resolved, That Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, be directed to call forth an equal number of militia from the class next in rotation, to relieve those now in service.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Cunningham, and

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 14th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Cunningham, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Fisher and sons, for the sum of thirty-six pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, State money, dated the seventh of April, 1781, for five pieces of sail cloth purchased by the late Council of Safety in the year 1777, for publick use.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Nathaniel Galt, for the sum of three pounds specie, for apprehending and securing James Galloway, a deserter from the army of the United States, a certificate from Colonel Mentges respecting the same being presented to the Board.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Hon'ble James Thompson, Esquire, fifty stand of arms, to be forwarded to Colonel William Scott, Lieutenant of the county of York, for the use of the militia of the said county.

A letter from John Phile and Isaac Jones, Overseers of the Poor, of this day, representing that a certain Will'm Kreamer, (who is likely to become a publick charge to this city,) is desirous to go into the city of New York, and requesting permission from this Board for that purpose, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted to the said William Kreamer accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major James Chamberlaine, Waggon Master of the county of York, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, dated the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying for horses purchased in the said county for public use, agreeable to the requisition of Congress.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, for the sum of fifty pounds, specie, in part of his salary, for which the is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Philip Wager and George Hobacker, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, conveying a certain lot or piece of land, situate on Province Island, in Kingsessing township, in the county of Philadelphia, and marked in the plan of the said island No. three,

bounded and being as follows, vizt: beginning at a stone or stake in the middle of the road; (leading from the ferry to Adam Geiger's;) thence extending by lot No. two, sold to John Fromberger, north twelve degrees west fifty-nine perches and fourteenths of a perch to a stake by the side of Mingo creek; thence by the same, the several courses thereof, twenty-one perches to a stake at a corner of lot No. four, sold to John McCulloch; thence by the same south twelve degrees east sixty perches to a stone or stake in the middle of the aforesaid road; thence along the middle thereof south seventy-eight degrees west twenty perches and four-tenths of a perch to the place of beginning; containing seven acres and ninety-seven perches, be the same more or less: Sold agreeable to act of Assembly, for the redemption of the bills of credit of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Consideration three hundred and ninety-five pounds ten shillings and six pence of the money aforesaid. Deed dated the fourteenth day of August instant.

The Council taking into consideration information now before them: That James Green, Reuben Parker, ——— Hacket, alias Cramer, alias Crowder, three deserters from the Pennsylvania line, together with Mary Hall, who is said to have been an accomplice with them in a burglary, are now confined in the gaol of New Castle.

Ordered, That agreeable to the fourth article of the Confederation, application be made to the State of Delaware, requesting that the same James Green, Reuben Parker, Hacket, alias Creamer, alias Crowder, and Mary Hall, may be delivered to the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, or his Deputy, to be dealt with according to law.

A petition from David Mead, of the county of Northumberland, containing a complaint against Matthew Smith, Esquire, Prothonotary of the said county, and enclosing several depositions in support thereof, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be forwarded to Hon'ble James Potter, Esquire, member of Council for said county, and he be requested to make inquiry respecting the same.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson.

A petition from Samuel Simpson, of the county of Philadelphia, in behalf of himself and his two sons, Benjamin and William, praying permission from this Board to go to New York, in order to proceed from thence to Ireland, to recover an estate lately devised to them by the last will and testament of Benjamin Simpson, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be granted, on condition that they produce to this Board a certificate from the Lieutenant of the said county, that they have paid their militia fines, and also of their having taken the oaths or affirmations of allegiance to this State.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to William Power, Esquire, conveying a certain lot or piece of ground, situate on Dock street, between Second street and Third street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in breadth east and west seventeen feet, and extending in depth sixty-four feet; bounded westward by ground now or late of John Bissell; northward by ground of John Drinker; eastward by a sixteen feet wide alley extending from Dock street aforesaid to Chesnut street; and southward by Dock street aforesaid; together with the messuage or tenement thereon erected: Seized and sold agreeable to law as the estate late of David Jones, an attainted traitor, to the said William Power, Esquire, for the sum of two thousand seven hundred and sixty-five pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, subject to the yearly ground rent of eighty-two bushels and nineteen-twentieth parts of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid; and subject also to a yearly ground rent of six pounds. Deed dated the fifteenth instant.

Ordered, That the Secretary give public notice that a trusty and careful person is wanted as an overseer at Mud Island and Billingsport for one year; one acquainted with the repair of banks will be most suitable, and he must reside at one of the above places. Proposals will be received at the Secretary's office.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel Jacob Morgan, for the sum of five thousand pounds, State money, dated the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying for horses and cattle purchased in this State for the use of the Continental army, agreeable to the requisitions of Congress, for which sum he is to account.

This Board having received information from the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Berks, that an ejectment has been brought by the guardians of the children of Andrew Allen, against the possession of the Big Spring tract in said county, lately sold by said Agents as the estate late of the said Andrew Allen; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Attorney General of the State be informed thereof, and directed to appear and make defence in behalf of this Commonwealth.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Thompson.

A petition from Benjamin Leech, of Duchess county, in the State of New York, by his attorney, James Craig, Junior, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, was read, setting forth that he is intitled to a city lot containing in breadth on High street one hundred and thirty-two feet, and in length three hundred and six feet; bounded northward with High street; westward with vacant ground; southward by the back ends of Chesnut street lots; and eastward with Tenth street from Delaware; in right of the original purchase of Tobiah Leech, from William Penn, late Proprietary of Pennsylvania, and praying that the Attorney General may be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment for the premisses, so that the same may be brought to a trial; and it appearing to the Board that the possesion of the said lot remains in the Commonwealth;

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and the Attorney General directed to receive a declaration in ejectment for the premises, agreeable to the late act of Assembly.

The petition of James Parr and William Gray, claiming a city lot in right of a warrant granted to Richard Wall, Senior, having been sundry times considered and the title thereto examined, and

the Surveyor General having certified that upon an accurate search in his office, he cannot find that the said warrant hath been satisfied;

Resolved, That the Surveyor General do proceed to locate a city lot agreeable to the terms of the warrant and the usual forms of office.

A petition from Henry Pauling, setting forth that the right to a tract of land situate on Wyaloosing creek, in the county of Northumberland, lately advertized by the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county, as the estate of John Pawling or Paulding, an attainted traitor, is vested in him, the petitioner, in fee simple, that he hath not conveyed the same to the said John Pawling, or to any other person whatever, and praying this Board to forbid the sale thereof, was read, together with a deposition of the said Henry Pawling, and sundry other papers produced in support of the said petition; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Agents for Confiscated Estates in the said county be directed not to proceed to a sale of the said estate, without the further order of this Board.

A petition from Margaret Maguire, praying a pass to go to Charlestown, within the lines of the enemy, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted, on condition that she give a security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 17th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Will, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, or his deputy, be directed to deliver to Lieutenant Colonel Francis Mentges, or his order, the following persons now confined in the old gaol, vizt: James Green, Reuben Parker, ——— Hacket, alias Creamer, alias Crowder, and Mary Hall.

The Honorable James Cunningham, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Council, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to James Cunningham,

For attendance in Council from the sixteenth day of June, to the seventeenth day of August, 1781, 63 days, at 25s per day, - - - - -	£78	15	0
To 81 miles coming to Philad'a and returning home, at 2s 1, - - - - -		8	4
To cash paid Capt'n Abraham Scott, for forwarding ammunition and cloathing to Northumberland county,		15	9
	£87	14	9
Cr. By cash received of David Rittenhouse, Esq'r,	15	00	0
Ballance, - - - - -	£72	14	9

And therefore,

An order was drawn in favor of the Honorable James Cunningham, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-two pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, specie, ballance of the above account.

This being the day appointed to hear the claim of the Pykeland company to sundry lots in the city, in right of the original purchase of Richard Pyke, the parties attended, but not being prepared, requested the Board to postpone the hearing to a further day; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said hearing be postponed to the seventeenth day of September next.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Aug't 18, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Gardner, &

A deed was examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to Christopher Stewart, of the city of Philadelphia, Esquire, conveying a certain lot or piece of land, with the messuage, snuff mill, warehouse, and other tenements thereon erected, situate on the Wissahiccon road, in the township of the Northern Liberties, bounded and being as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone on said

road, being a corner of Jonathan Adams's and the late Christopher Sowers's land; thence up the said line to the orchard fence; thence along the said fence until a line parallel to the said division line shall strike a certain ash tree standing by the run in the meadow near the said mill; thence up the said run on the south side thereof through the arch of the bridge; thence by a straight line to the north-east corner of the said mill dam; thence along the fence to Potts's line; thence down the same and continued with the said Adams's to the place of beginning, containing about three acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, (as the estate of Jonathan Adams and Susanna, his wife, attainted of high treason,) to the said Christopher Stewart, for the sum of fifteen hundred and thirty pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, subject to a yearly ground rent of forty-five bushels and nine-tenths of a bushell of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourth parts of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth part being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated this day.

A deed was examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to Major William Armstrong, conveying a certain lot or piece of land, situate on Province Island, in the county of Philadelphia, and marked in the general plan of the said Island No. 15, bounded and being as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake near a large old stump standing on the edge of the cripple and a small distance south of the hospital wharf; thence by said cripple south forty degrees west twenty-one perches and six-tenths to a stake set in the bank in the line of lot No. 16, sold to Charles Miller; thence by the said lot north forty degrees thirty minutes west forty-five perches to a stake set in the middle of the road leading south-westerly from the hospital road through the marsh; thence by said road north forty-seven degrees forty-five minutes east thirty-two perches to a stake set for a corner in the middle of the hospital road; thence by said road and the line of the hospital lot south twenty-eight degrees thirty minutes east forty-five perches to the first mentioned stake and place of beginning, containing seven acres and ninety-nine perches, be the same more or less: Sold agreeably to law, to the said William Armstrong, for the sum of five hundred and seventy-nine pounds of the bills of credit of this State, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed dated the sixteenth.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Aug't 20, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Gardner, and

The following deeds were examined and signed by His Excellency the President, for the lots hereafter mentioned, marked in the general plan of the said lots as follows, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, vizt:

To William Milnor, for lot No. 8, on the north side of Spruce street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, from Delaware river. Consideration ninety-eight pounds. Deed dated the 20th instant.

David C. Claypoole, for lot No. 84, on the north side of Lombard street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration thirty-one pounds. Deed dated the twentieth instant.

William Eckhart, for lot No. 112, on the south side of Pine street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration fifty pounds. Deed dated the 20th inst.

Ditto, for lot No. 113, on the south side of Pine street and on the west side of Fifth street from Delaware. Consideration sixty-one pounds. Deed dated the 20th instant.

The Honourable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for lots No. 215 and 216, on the north side of Mulberry street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, from Delaware river. Consideration money two hundred and twenty-five pounds. Deed dated the 20th instant.

Peter Ozeas, for lot No. 85, on the north side of Lombard street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, from Delaware river. Consideration twenty-five pounds. Deed dated the 20th instant.

Ditto for lot No. 86, on the north side of Lombard street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration twenty-three pounds. Deed dated the 20th instant.

Christleib Bartling, for lot No. 192, on the north side of Sassafras street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration one hundred pounds. Deed dated the 20th ins't.

William Eckhart, for lot No. 111, on the south side of Pine street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration sixty pounds. Deed dated the 20th inst't.

William Milnor, for lot No. 7, on the north side of Spruce street, between Sixth and Seventh streets. Consideration ninety pounds. Deed dated the 20th ins't.

Benjamin Harbeson, for lot No. 191, on the north side of Sassafras street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, from Delaware river. Consideration one hundred pounds. Deed dated the twentieth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-five pounds, specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia now in service, for which sum he is to be accountable; the same to be charged to Col. William Henry, Lieutenant of the said city and liberties, and paid out of the monies arising from militia fines.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 21, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Thompson.

William Barton, Esquire, appointed on the second instant to be a Notary Publick in this State, attended in Council, and took the oaths necessary to qualify him for the execution of his said office.

In Council.

Wednesday, August 22nd, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

An affidavit of Michael Shubart and Frederick Hailer, being laid before the Board, proving that they, in the year 1777, in behalf of the Lutheran Congregation of this city, offered to pay to Mr. Penn the sum of five hundred pounds, for two lots of ground in the said city, purchased for the use of the said congregation; that Mr. Penn declined receiving the said money at that time, and agreed to let them keep the money one year longer, without interest. On consideration,

Resolved, That the Receiver General of the Land Office be directed to receive from the said Frederick Hailer and Michael Shubart, on behalf of the said congregation, the purchase money for the said lots, abating one year interest thereon.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his salary as Attorney General of the State, for which sum he is to be accountable.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Aug't 23d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Thompson.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 24, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Lacey, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain David Sneyder, of the Philadelphia county Troop of Light Horse, for the sum of fifty-two pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, State money, of the seventh of April, 1781, amount of an account of the expences of the said troop while on command, on a late call of militia.

The Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia having represented that the tour of duty of the militia now on service here will shortly expire,

Resolved, That he call forth the sixth class of the second and sixth battalions, and the seventh class of the first battalion, to relieve them in guarding the prisons, and other Continental duty.

Resolved, That the Lieutenant of the said city and liberties direct an election to be held for Captain in Colonel Dean's battalion, in the room of John Flynn, who hath left the State.

A petition from Thomas Bolesby, praying permission for his daughter, Mary Bowlings, with her two children, to go to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A petition from Elizabeth O'Flaherty, praying permission to go into New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted, on condition that she give security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

Returns of Justices for the following townships in the county of Washington, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were elected:

Peters township—John Douglass and Robert Thompson.

Township of Nuttingame—Benjamin Parkinson and Joseph Parkinson.

Strabane township, (in which is the place called Catfish Camp, ordered by law to be the seat of justice)—Daniel Leet, Henry Taylor, John White, Nicholas Little, Alexander Eddy, and David Clark.

Aimwell township—Abner Howell and John Craig.

Donnegal township—Samuel Mason and Samuel Williamson.

Hopewell township—William Scott and John Marshall.

Fallowfield township—John Parker, John Hall, east end; and John Stevenson and Patrick McCullough, west end of said township.

Smith's township—Samuel Johnston and James Edgar.

Cecil township—Matthew McConnell and John Read.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Henry Taylor, William Scott, John Craig, John White, Daniel Leet, John Marshall, John Douglass, Benjamin Parkinson, John Reed, Abner Howell, Matthew McConnell, Samuel Johnston, and Samuel Mason, be appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace of the Court of Common Pleas and of the Orphans' Court of the county of Washington, and that a general commission be issued accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 25, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Gardner, and

The Council taking into consideration an application from Amos Wickersham, to postpone the sale of the estates of Thomas Hughes, late of Northumberland county, called upon to surrender and abide

his trial for high treason, by a proclamation of this Board of the twentieth day of March last; and there being reason to believe that he did, on the tenth day of May last, surrender himself by the time mentioned in the said proclamation; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county be directed to postpone the sale of the estate of the said Thomas Hughes, until the further order of this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 27th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, and Mr. Gardner.

General St. Clair attended in Council, and communicated to the Board a letter from his Excellency General Washington to him, requesting returns to be made of the number of recruits at the several places of rendezvous within this State.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of said lots as follows, vizt:

To Joseph Wilson, for lots No. 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208 and 209; seven of them, viz: From 193 to 199, situate on the south side of Sassafras street between Sixth and Seventh streets, from Delaware river; containing in breadth twenty-one feet each lot, and in depth three hundred and ten feet and five inches. The remaining ten of the said lots, to wit: From 200 to 209, situate on the east side of Seventh street aforesaid. Consideration one thousand and fifteen pounds.

To ditto, for lots No. 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73, situate on the north side of Lombard street, between Fourth and Fifth, containing in breadth in the whole three hundred and eight feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration six hundred and seventy-three pounds.

To ditto, for lots No. 2, 3 and 4, situate on the north side of Spruce street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, containing in breadth seventy-four feet three inches, and in depth two hundred and twenty-nine feet. Consideration three hundred and forty-six pounds.

To ditto, for lots No. 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, and 259, situate on the south side of Mulberry street, between Eighth and Nine streets, containing in breadth one hundred and ninety-eight feet, and in length one hundred and fifty-seven feet. Consideration four hundred and eighty-three pounds.

To Joseph Wilson, for 34 lots, from No. 131 to 164, inclusive, situate and extending on and from the south side of Pine street to the north side of Lombard street, and from the west side of Seventh street to the east side of Eighth street, from Delaware river, containing in breadth one hundred and ninety-six feet, and in length two hundred and eighty-two feet. Consideration one thousand two hundred and sixty-four pounds.

To ditto, for lots No. 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336 and 337, situate on the south side of Chesnut street and east side of Ninth street, from Delaware river, and north side of George street, containing in breadth two hundred and thirty-seven feet, and in depth two hundred and thirty-five feet. Consideration six-hundred and sixty-one pounds.

To ditto, for lots No. 19, 20 and 21, situate on the east side of Sixth street and south side of Pruin street, containing in breadth sixty-eight feet six inches, and in depth one hundred and ninety-nine feet. Consideration four hundred and ninety-one pounds.

To do., for lots No. 348, 349, 350 and 351, situate on the north side of Walnut street between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth one hundred feet, and in depth two hundred and thirty-five feet. Consideration two hundred and sixty pounds.

To do., for lots No. 338, 339, 340 and 341, situate on the north side of Walnut street and on the east side of Ninth street, containing in breadth ninety-six inches. and in depth two hundred and thirty-five feet. Consideration three hundred and thirteen pounds.

To ditto, for lot No. 358, situate on the west side of Eighth street and south side of Walnut street, containing in breadth twenty-four feet, and in length one hundred and ninety-seven feet. Consideration sixty-one pounds.

To Charles Risk, for lots No. 22 & 23, situate on the east side of Sixth street, between Pruin street and Spruce street, containing in breadth forty-seven feet, and in depth one hundred and ninety-nine feet. Consideration money two hundred and twenty-eight pounds.

To Dean Timmons, for lot No. 87, situate on the north side of Lombard street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, containing in breadth twenty-four feet, and in length one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration twenty-seven pounds.

To do., for lot No. 88, situate and containing in breadth and depth as aforesaid. Consideration twenty-six pounds.

To d'o, for lot No. 89, situate and containing in breadth and depth as aforesaid. Consideration thirty-six pounds.

Deeds dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 28th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Gardner, and

Col'l Samuel Miles, Deputy Quarter Master General, laid before the Council information from his Excellency General Washington, of his intention to move a great part of his army to the southward, and ordering Col'l Miles to procure by every means in his power suitable vessels for transporting the same from Trenton to Christiana Bridge; and he also informed the Council that the number of vessels now in port and under one hundred tons burthen, will probably be wanted for that purpose.

On consideration,

Ordered, That an embargo be laid on all vessels of and under the burthen of one hundred tons; and that the following proclamation be issued, to wit:

By his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esq'r, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The public service requires a speedy exertion by the authority of this State to procure the most immediate transportation by water; we have, therefore, thought proper, and do hereby lay an embargo on all river craft and vessels of and under the burthen of one hundred tons; to which all the citizens of the State and others are required to conform and govern themselves accordingly, as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Attest:—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

A letter from His Excellency Thomas McKean, Esq'r, of the twenty-third instant, was received and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the same day, requesting the Council to appoint

proper persons to make a just appraisement of the leaden spouts taken in the year 1777, from sundry inhabitants of Philadelphia for public use, by order of Congress; the Appraisers to return to the Board of War their valuation and appraisement,

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Aug't 29, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Gardner, and

Resolved, That the Vendue Masters of this city and districts, and the Marshal of the Court of Admiralty, be directed to furnish the Collector of Excise from time to time, with an account of the purchasers, the quantity, quality, marks and numbers of the casks of all spirituous liquor by them respectively sold, whenever he shall apply to them therefor.

A return of Justices for Sadsbury township, Chester county, having been made, and accompanied with a letter from the Judges of the election, representing that divers electors were not freeholders, as by law they ought to have been

Resolved, That the said return be remitted, in order that a new election may be had, and that it be recommended to the Inspectors and others, to be more attentive in future to the qualification of electors.

Application having been made to this Board by His Excellency the Count De Rochambeau, commander of the troops of His Most Christian Majesty, serving in the allied army, that an hospital may be established in this city for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the troops under his command,

Resolved, That the Deputy Quarter Master General be directed to apply to the managers of the House of Employment to appropriate a sufficient part of that building for said purpose, and that it be got ready with all expedition.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 30, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Gardner, and
No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 31, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Thompson, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, (now first returned from his family.)

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

Five orders in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie each, payable on the first day of October next, on account of cloathing purchased for the Pennsylvania line.

Five do. in favour of the said William Turnbull, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie each, payable on the fifteenth day of October next, on account of cloathing as aforesaid.

Five do. in favor of the said William Turnbull, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie each, payable on the first day of November next, on account of cloathing purchased as aforesaid.

In favor of Col. Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, for the sum of five thousand pounds, State money, of the seventh of April last, for the purpose of paying for horses and cattle purchased in this State for the use of the army, agreeably to requisitions of Congress, for which sum the said Col. Morgan is to account.

In favor of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of thirty-eight pounds eleven shillings and five pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, balance of his account for the pay and supplies of provisions to the officers and men employed in taking care of the forts at Mud Island and Billingsport.

In favor of the Honorable John Witherspoon, Esquire, for the sum of nine pounds six shillings and six pence, State money of the

seventh of April, 1781, amount of an account of damages done by the militia of this State to Princeton College.

In favor of Mr. Samuel Boyd, for the sum of nine pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for six days' service in settling the depreciation of the pay of Col. Moylan's Legion, at Lebanon, in Lancaster county.

In favor of Robert Levers, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, for the sum of one hundred pounds, specie, for the purpose of purchasing provisions for the militia employed in the defence of the frontiers of the said county, for which sum the said Lieutenant is to account.

The Council taking into consideration the accounts of John Vandern and Edmund Milne, by which there appears to be a balance due from them to the State, of the sum of nine hundred and four pounds five shillings and two pence half penny, in specie.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be directed to call on them and inform them, or either of them, that the Council insists on the money being immediately paid, and if the same is not paid accordingly, that the account will without delay be put in suit.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Hartley be authorized to take the deposition of Michael Danners before the Supreme Court, relative to lands claimed by Yorktown as common and town lands, agreeably to the authority vested in the said court by the Constitution for perpetuating testimony.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 1, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Thompson, and

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, one of them for the sum of fifty-eight pounds, specie, for repairing of arms for the Rifle corps raised in behalf of the United States, at the instance of His Excellency General Washington; and the other for the sum of twenty-five pounds, specie, on account of his pay.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be allowed for his services as Commissary at the rate of

ten shillings, specie, per diem, and if it appears on the accounts that Captain Stiles has drawn more money than he has expended on public account, the same to be credited to the State on account of his pay, and the auditors to calculate depreciation on the scale fixed by a late act of Assembly.

The Board taking into consideration the state of the rifle corps attempted to be raised, and the little probability of its being completed to a Major's command,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be given to Major Parr for his services and attention to this business, and that he be requested to pay the balance remaining in his hands to the State Treasurer.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Sept'r 3rd, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Thompson, and

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, dated the 29th day of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of the said lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, as follows, to wit:

Deeds to White Matlack for lots No. 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126—169, 170, 171, 175, 176, situate a follows, that is to say: the nine first mentioned lots situate on the north side of Lombard street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, containing in breadth two hundred and sixteen feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet; three others of the said lots, No. 169, 170 and 171, situate on the south side of Penn street, between the said Sixth and Seventh streets, containing in breadth seventy-two feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet; and the two last mentioned lots, situate as aforesaid, containing in breadth forty-eight feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration six hundred and thirty-one pounds.

To John Flohavan, for lots No. 97, 98, 99, 100 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 and 107, situate on the south side of Pine street and east side of Sixth street, containing in breadth two hundred and fifty-nine feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration five hundred and eight pounds.

To William Eckhart, for lots No. 129 and 130, situate on the north side of Lombard street and east side of Seventh street, containing in breadth forty-three feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration ninety-two pounds.

To John Mann, for lots No. 241, 242 and 243, situate on the north side of Peach street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth seventy-five feet, and in length one hundred and fifty feet. Consideration one hundred and forty-two pounds.

To Daniel Joy, for lot No. 185, situate on the south side of Vine street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, containing in breadth twenty-two feet, and in length three hundred and six feet. Consideration money sixty-eight pounds.

To Manuel Eyre, for lots No. 227, 228 and 229, situate on the south side of Sassafras street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, containing in breadth sixty-nine feet, and in length three hundred and ten feet. Consideration two hundred and eighteen pounds.

To Peter Young, for lot No. 172, situate on the south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, containing in breadth twenty-four feet, and in depth one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration fifty-seven pounds.

To Michael Shubart, for lot No. 244, situate on the north side of Peach street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth twenty-five feet, and in length one hundred and fifty feet. Consideration forty-two pounds.

To William Sheaff, for lot No. 327, situate on the north side of Chesnut street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth twenty-five feet, and in length one hundred and seventy-eight feet. Consideration seventy-three pounds.

To Anthony Wright, for lot No. 279, situate on the south side of Hazle street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth thirty-three feet, and in length one hundred and forty-four feet. Consideration thirty-seven pounds.

To George Adam Baker, for lots No. 308 and 309, situate on the south side of Sassafras street and east side of Ninth street, containing in breadth sixty-six feet, and in length one hundred and forty-four feet. Consideration seventy-seven pounds.

To William Sheaff, for lots No. 324 and 325, situate on the north side of Chesnut street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth fifty feet, and in length one hundred and seventy-eight feet. Consideration one hundred and one pounds.

To Robert Hunter, for lot No. 177, situate on the south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, containing in breadth twenty-four feet, and in length one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration fifty-four pounds.

To William Troutwein, for lot No. 280, situate on the south side of Hazle street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth thirty-three feet, and in length one hundred and forty-four feet. Consideration thirty-five pounds.

To Henry Meyer, for lots No. 264 and 265, situate on the north side of Mulberry street, in length one hundred and forty-four feet, and in breadth fifty feet. Consideration one hundred and eighteen pounds.

To George Grotz, for lot No. 273, situate on the north side of Mulberry street, and west side of Eighth street, containing in breadth thirty-three feet, and in length one hundred and forty-four feet. Consideration two hundred and eighteen pounds.

To Solomon Marache, for lots No. 178 and 179, situate on the south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, containing in breadth forty-seven feet, and in length one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration one hundred and twenty-two pounds.

To ditto, for lots No. 180 and 181, situate on the south side of Pine street and west side of Sixth street, containing in breadth forty-three feet, and in length one hundred and forty-one feet. Consideration one hundred and thirty-seven pounds.

To George Cooper, for lot No. 239, situate on the north side of Peach street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, containing in breadth twenty-five feet, and in length one hundred and fifty feet. Consideration forty-nine pounds.

To do., for lot No. 238, situate as aforesaid, and containing in breadth and length as aforesaid. Consideration forty-nine pounds.

To do. for lot No. 240, situate and containing in breadth and length as aforesaid. Consideration fifty pounds.

All which deeds are dated the third instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Septem'r 4, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Thompson, and

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Maj'r General St. Clair, or his order, six tents for horsemen, and eighty common tents for the use of the troops of the Pensylvania line ordered to march to the southward, to be replaced by the Superintendent of the Finances of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, John Sigfriedt, heretofore Sheriff of the county of Northampton, did seize for the use of this Commonwealth, the estate of George Bachman, and others, of the said county;

Ordered, That the said John Sigfriedt, do forthwith make return of the estate of the said George Bachman, and others, so seized by him, unto the Prothonotary's office of the said county, in order that the same may be transmitted to this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-one pounds ten shillings and one penny, specie, balance of his account for the pay and provisions furnished to the officers and men employed in taking care of Mud Island and Billingsport, to the 7th of August last.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Sept'r 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Whitehill.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Septem'r 6th, 1781.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Thompson, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of fifty pounds, specie, for the purpose of paying sundry persons employed in making up cloathing for the use of the troops of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to account.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Major David Rees, or to his order, six hundred musquet cartridges for the use of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia now in service.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to Colonel Timothy Pickering, Quarter Master General of the United States, or his order, fifty common tents, and six horseman's tents for the use of the Continental troops, to be replaced by the said Quarter Master General as soon as possible.

WHEREAS, Jahbel Smith, from the flag of truce called the Sally, from Pensacola to New York, has represented to this Board that on his voyage thither, he was captured and plundered by Enos Skellinger, bearing a commission under the United States, which commission passed through this Board, and the said Enos Skellinger gave bond to the President, Vice President, and John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, with security for due compliance with the regulations of Congress, and the good conduct of himself and mariners; and it appearing to this Board that no legal process has been taken in the court of Admiralty of this State, or the neighboring States, against the said vessel, as by the resolutions of Congress is directed; and the said Captain Jahbel Smith praying that the said bond for good behaviour before mentioned, or an authentic copy thereof, may be delivered to him, in order to take his remedy against the said Enos Skellinger.

Resolved, That his petition be granted, and that he be authorized to prosecute said bond for any damages or losses sustained.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, vizt:

One for the sum of four pounds two shillings and eight pence, State money, balance of his account for sundry articles purchased for the use of the Council, to the twenty-fifth of August last.

And the other for the sum of twenty-three pounds five shillings, specie, amount of his account for wages as Doorkeeper, from the first to the thirty-first of August last.

A petition from Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill, and Richard Wells, setting forth their claims to divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, appurtenant to the original purchases of William Bacon, Daniel Pastorious, Henry Johnston, John Martin, Samuel Taverner, Richard and Thomas Pierce. John Philips, and Nichólas Moore, from William Penn, late Proprietary of Pensylvania, and praying that the said lots may be laid out agreeably to the intention of the said grant, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General of the State, and that he be directed to make enquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to the Board.

The Council taking into consideration that the purposes for which the embargo hath been lately laid by a proclamation of this Board of the twenty-eighth of August last, on all vessels of and under one hundred tons, have been answered.

Resolved, That the said embargo be revoked, and that the Naval Officer be directed to clear out vessels accordingly, anything in the said proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of Mr. Thomas Nevell, for the sum of fifty pounds, specie, for repairing the State House steeple, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General of the State, for the sum of forty pounds, specie, for paying expences in surveying city lots, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable William Moore, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of fifty pounds, specie, in part of his salary.

A petition from Captain Thomas Mason, praying permission to ship from this State a quantity of flour to the island of Bermuda, to discharge debts due from him to sundry inhabitants of said island, contracted while he was prisoner there, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Thomas Mason be permitted to ship twenty barrels of flour for the purpose aforesaid.

A petition from Miles Martin, now confined in the old gaol, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of this State, by the said Miles Martin, be remitted, and that he be discharged from confinement, on condition that he depart the State forthwith, and not return again on pain of being committed.

A petition from negro George, convicted of an assault and battery, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

The Council upon reconsidering the case of Samuel Simpson, and his sons Benjamin and William,

Resolved, That so much of the resolution of this Board of the fifteenth of August last, as respects their taking the oath of allegiance to this State, previous to their obtaining permission to go into the State of New York, be dispensed with.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 7, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner and Mr. Whitehill.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Sept'r 8, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Whitehill.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Sept'r 10, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of Joseph Robinett, for the sum of nine pounds twelve shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account of expences in carrying down the French Generals to view the Forts at Mud Island and Billingsport.

In favor of his Excellency the President, for the sum of seventy pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr. John Hart, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, for supplying the recruits at Newtown with provisions.

In favor of Captain Jacob Livergood, for the sum of ten pounds specie, for subsistence of his company of Riflemen raised at the request of his Excellency General Washington, for which he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Robert Whitehill, Esq'r, for the sum of sixty-five pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr. Jacob Godshalk, for the sum of ten pounds specie, for repairing the State House clock, for which he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Joseph Gardner, for the sum of seventy-five pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which sum he is to account.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Dubueson, Aid-de-Camp to the late Major General Baron de Kalb, who fell at the battle of Camden, gallantly fighting in defence of America, has represented to this Board that it was the earnest desire of the Baron De Kalb

that his sons should bear commissions in the American service in the Pennsylvania line, without pay or the emoluments of command, unless in case of actual service; whereupon, out of respect to the memory of that brave officer, and as a tribute of esteem to his family,

Resolved, That the said request be complied with, and that the Honorable Board of War be requested to issue commissions of Ensigns to Pierre Baron De Kalb and to John Baron De Kalb.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Gardner, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Joseph Carson, of Philadelphia, merchant, conveying a certain tract or piece of meadow ground situate on Hollander's Creek, in the township of Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia, bounded and being as follows, to wit: Beginning at the corner of Plunket Fleeson's and John Hall's land; thence extending by the said John Hall's land north eighty degrees east twenty-eight perches to the bank of Hollander's Creek; thence by the said bank seventeen perches and seven-tenths of a perch to a corner; thence south seventy-nine degrees west twenty-eight perches to a corner of Plunket Fleeson's land; thence by the same north thirteen degrees west seventeen perches and two-tenths of a perch to the place of beginning; containing three acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Peter Campbell, an attainted traitor, to the said Joseph Carson, for the sum of six hundred pounds, old Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of three bushels of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county, and the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the first instant.

Petitions from the following persons now confined in the gaol of Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, were read, to wit:

William Compton, convicted of felony in stealing one bay mare, the property of John Young, and sentenced to pay a fine of six pounds to the use of the State.

James Brandon, convicted of larceny and sentenced to pay a fine equal to the value of the goods stolen, to the use of the State.

John Thomas, convicted of felony in stealing one grey gelding, the property of John Knowles, and sentenced to pay a fine of twenty pounds to the use of the State.

Setting forth that they are unable to pay the said fines, and praying the Board to remit the same. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said fines be remitted.

A like petition from Patrick Grant, confined in the said gaol, was also read, praying remission of his fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Patrick Grant, be remitted.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Clement Biddle, Esquire, be appointed Quarter Master General of the militia of this State, with the rank of Colonel.

Resolved, That Mr. William Cooper be appointed and commissioned to be Ensign of Captain Thomas Stokely's company of Rangers, raised in the county of Westmoreland for the defence of the western frontiers of this State, to take rank from the first day of May last.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of Congress dated the 10th day of September, 1781, recommending to the State of New Jersey and Pennsylvania immediately to embody three thousand men, each properly officered and equipped, and cause them to rendezvous at such place or places as the commanding officer shall direct; and the same being read and considered,

Ordered, That three classes of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, four classes of the county of Philadelphia, four classes of the county of Chester, four classes of the county of Bucks, three classes of the county of Lancaster, three classes of the county of Berks, two classes of the county of Northampton, the whole of the Light Horse of the city and the said counties, the whole of the Light Horse of the counties of York and Cumberland, and two companies of Artillery, be immediately called into service; and that the said militia do rendezvous as soon as possible at Newtown, in the county of Bucks.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the tenth instant, was received and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the fourth ins't, and copies of letters from the Honorable

Mr. Holker and Count De Barras, respecting apprehending French seamen; thereupon,

Ordered, To lie on the table for further consideration.

The petition of Solomon Molina and company, respecting a tax demanded of them, with a letter from Mr. Holker, Consul of France, recommending the same to the consideration of the Council, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Commissioners; and that it be recommended to them to grant to the said Solomon Molina and company every indulgence in their power consistent with the laws of the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Sept'r 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

The Council taking into consideration the proposal made by William Smith for taking under his care and superintending the artillery stores, buildings, &c., at Billingsport, Mud Island, and the Pest House, to wit: The land at Billingsport to be fenced in, and a licence for a public house; the bank at Mud Island to be sufficiently repaired and kept in order at the public expence; a fence to be kept up around the lot at the Pest House, at public expence; and a good boat provided for each of the two above mentioned places; Mr. Smith to keep a man at Fort Island: And thereupon agreed to the said terms; and

Ordered, That Captain Boys be directed to deliver over to William Smith the artillery, stores, &c., at Billingsport and Mud Island.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Elijah Weed, conveying a certain lot or parcel of land, situate on Province Island, marked on the general plan of the said island, No. 1: Beginning at a stake by the bank of Mingo creek, in the middle of a ditch between the said lot and the lot No. 2, purchased by John Fromberger; thence by the same south twenty-eight degrees east fifty-eight perches and two-tenths to a stake in the middle of a road leading from Schuylkill ferry to Tinicum and Chester; thence by the same road south seventy-eight degrees west thirty-six perches and eight-tenths to a stake; thence by the banks of Eagle and Mingo creeks on the several courses thereof seventy

perches and eight-tenths to the place of beginning; containing ten acres and fifty perches of land, strict measure: Sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the 29th of April, 1780, to the said Elijah Weed, for the sum of eight hundred and seventeen pounds eleven shillings and ten pence, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as by his receipt, produced to this Board, appears. Deed dated the twelfth instant.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Congress of the United States have transmitted to this Board an extract of a letter from the Count De Barras to the Consul of France for the Middle district, respecting the employment of French sailors on board the Merchant and other vessels of this port; and it has been earnestly recommended to the Legislatures and Executives of the several States to give effectual aid in apprehending all sailors subjects of His Most Christian Majesty, and otherwise discouraging and preventing such sailors leaving his said Majesty's service; whereupon,

Resolved, That all Magistrates, Sheriffs, Constables, and other officers of this State, both civil and military, be directed to aid and assist in the apprehending and securing all French seamen; and that it be recommended to all merchants, captains of vessels, and other inhabitants of this State, to discourage the employment of such seamen in any vessels belonging to or sailing out of this port.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 13th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill, and Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of two hundred and six pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for blankets purchased for the use of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Scott, Esquire, of Yorktown, for the sum of fifteen pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, balance of his account for purchasing cattle for the use of the army, in the county of York.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 14, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill, and Mr. Van Campen.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, viz:

To John Selles, for the messuage or tenement called the Ferry House, and six lots of land, situate on Province Island, in the county of Philadelphia, and marked in the general plan of said island from No. 9 to 14 inclusive; containing fifty-one acres and one hundred and fifty-seven perches: Sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1781, to the said John Selles, for the sum of five thousand five hundred and sixty-two pounds four shillings and seven pence, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this State, as appears by the said Treasurer's receipts, produced to this Board. Deed dated the thirteenth instant.

To Major James Parr, for a plantation or tract of land situate in the township of New Garden, in the county of Chester, containing sixty-four acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Stephen Anderson, an attainted traitor, to the said James Parr, for the sum of three hundred pounds, subject to a yearly ground rent of nine bushells of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county, as by said Agents' receipt appears, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of August last.

To do. for a tract or parcel of land situate in the township of East Marlborough, in the county of Chester, containing three acres and twenty-six perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of John Jackson, an attainted traitor, to the said James Parr, for the sum of seventy-one pounds, subject to a yearly ground rent of two bushels and two-fifteenth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable as aforesaid; three-fourths of which sum he paid to the said Agents, the remaining one-fourth reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of August last.

To ditto. for a plantation or tract of land situate in the township of East Marlborough, in the county of Chester, containing twenty-

five acres and fifty-seven perches of land, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Stephen Anderson, an attainted traitor, to the said James Parr, for the sum of eighty-one pounds, subject to a yearly rent of two bushels and one hundred and three two hundred and fortieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable as aforesaid; three-fourths of which sum of eighty one pounds he hath paid to the said Agents, the remaining one-fourth being reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of August last.

To Doct'r James Hutchinson, for a certain plantation or tract of land situate in the township of East Caln, in the county of Chester, containing seventy-eight acres and one hundred and twenty-one perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold as the estate of George Sinclair, an attainted traitor, to the said James Hutchinson, for the sum of four hundred and forty-six pounds, subject to a yearly ground rent of thirteen bushels and fifteen fortieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable as aforesaid; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the said Agents, the remaining one-fourth being reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of August last.

To John Christie, for a certain plantation or tract of land situate in Heidleberg township, in the county of Berks, containing four hundred and seventy-two acres and one hundred and forty-eight perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor, to the said John Christie, for the sum of five thousand four hundred and thirty-eight pounds twelve shillings and nine pence, subject to a yearly ground rent of one hundred and sixty-three bushels and nineteen one hundred and twentieth parts of good merchantable wheat, payable as aforesaid; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Berks, the remaining one-fourth reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of August last.

To John Craig, for a tract or piece of land situate in Heidleberg township, in the said county of Berks, containing three hundred and thirty-one acres and seventy perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor, to the said John Craig, for the sum of three thousand nine hundred and ten pounds nineteen shillings and three pence, subject to a yearly rent of one hundred and seventeen bushels and seventy-nine two hundred and fortieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to said Trustees; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the said Agents, the remaining one-fourth be reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the first instant.

To Francis Johnston, Esquire, for a certain tract of land situate in the township of West Caln, in the county of Chester, containing two hundred and eighty-seven acres and three-quarters: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Richard Swanwick,

an attainted traitor, to the said Francis Johnston, for the sum of six hundred pounds, subject to a yearly ground rent of eighteen bushels of good merchantable wheat, payable as aforesaid; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the Agents aforesaid, the remaining one-fourth being reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the thirty-first day of August last.

Mr. Jacks and Mr. Patton, a committee from the Honorable House of Assembly, attended and informed the Council that the House was now met, and ready to receive any business the Council may have to lay before them.

The following message being read and considered, to wit:

Message from the President and Council, to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN—The usual engagements of this season of the year, and the time allotted for public business, will not permit our laying before you any other than that which is indispensably necessary: But we think it highly proper to inform you, that the deficiency of recruits proposed to be raised by the late acts of Assembly, has been very considerable, and that there are some material defects in those acts, of which the delinquent classes have availed themselves, and which will require your attention, that justice may be done to all, and this important service properly completed. We would also recommend a provisionary act in favor of those virtuous inhabitants of Carolina, who, after suffering greatly in the common cause, have, with a few domestics, retired into this State from the oppressions of the tyranny of the British government: By the operation of a law of this Commonwealth, just and humane in itself, and highly reasonable when extended only to the proper inhabitants of this State, they will be in danger of loosing the services of those few domestics they have saved from the depredations of the enemy, unless some cautionary regulation is soon adopted, and which we make no doubt you will provide.

The Secretary will deliver you sundry papers relative to the above, and some other important concerns of the State; and we shall cheerfully concur in every measure tending to facilitate the public business with harmony and dispatch.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Phil'a, Sept'r 14, 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ensign William Cooper, of the company of Rangers raised in the county of Westmoreland, for the sum of two pounds and four shillings specie, for paying for transportation of cloathing for the use of the said company.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Nicholas Lutz, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Berks, for the sum of eight hundred and twenty-seven pounds fifteen shil-

lings and five pence, balance of his account for provisions purchased in the county of Berks for the use of the army.

A petition from Benjamin Duncan, praying a pass to the city of New York, not to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Sept'r 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Van Campen, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Scott, Esq'r, for the sum of seventy-three pounds six shillings and two pence, specie, balance of his specie account for purchasing provisions as Commissioner of Purchases in the county of York, for the use of the army.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Nicholas Lutz, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Berks, for the sum of three hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full for extra allowance for his services as Commissioner of Purchases, agreeably to recommendation of the House of Assembly.

A letter from His Excellency the President of Congress of the twelfth instant, was read, inclosing the recognition of the Sieur Holker, as Consul General of France, in the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and recommending to each of the said States to make public declaration thereof; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the declaration of the said Consul in this State be as follows, vizt:

Pennsylvania, ss:

His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

The Sieur Holker having been recognized by the United States in Congress assembled, as Consul General of France, in the Commonwealth aforesaid, it is hereby declared that the privileges,

pre-eminence and authority belonging to such character and quality are due him.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of His Excellency JOSEPH REED, Esquire, President, and the less seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH REED, President.

Attest :—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Sept'r 17, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Whitehill.

A resolution of the Honorable House of Assembly, of the fifteenth of September instant, was received and read, appointing a committee, to wit: Mr. S. Morris, Mr. Delany, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Mifflin and Mr. J. Harris, to request a conference with this Board and the Superintendant of the Finances of the United States, on the several important matters contained in the letters of the said Superintendant to the President which accompanied the message, from Council of the fourteenth instant; and the said committee and Superintendant of Finance attending in Council, a free conference on the subject of the treasury was had, in which there appeared the greatest harmony and good understanding between the Assembly and the Council, and a mutual good disposition to enforce the speedy and effectual collection of the public taxes, as a measure absolutely necessary, and probably effectual, in the present critical and important crisis, was evinced.

This being the day appointed for a hearing of the Pykeland company, respecting their claims to divers city lots, the parties attended, but the Council being engaged in other business, the hearing was postponed till to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 18, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Van Campen, and

The Council proceeded to hear the allegations of the Pykeland company by their attorney, Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, and the title of the said company being laid before the Board, the same was continued under advisement.

Mr. Boudinott, Colonel Atlee and General Varnum, a committee of Congress, attended in Council on a conference of inquiry into the condition of defence in which the State now stood, and especially what forwardness the militia called into service were now in. They were informed that the orders had been issued for as near as may be the number of men required by Congress, and the place of rendezvous assigned so as to have them in readiness to march when the occasion may require; that there are no gallies for the river defence. The said committee freely communicated the facts, and reasoning upon which they founded an apprehension of an intended attack on Philadelphia city, and suggested the propriety of having the stores and public papers of the State in a condition to be removed.

WHEREAS, On the late tour of duty of the militia there was a greater number of officers than was proportionate to the men called into actual service; whereupon, it was concluded as a public saving, and that each officer might have a suitable command, to divide the officers, and that a part should take present command:

And whereas, It is now doubted whether on the present call of militia the detained officers of the former classes should go as next in order of duty; and the same having been duly considered,

Resolved, That agreeably to the act of Assembly, and from reasons of a public convenience, the said officers last mentioned perform their tour on the next call of the classes to which they properly belong, and that the Lieutenant do make arrangement of the officers on the present tour as each may have a suitable command.

A petition from Elizabeth Hyde, praying permission to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer thereof be granted, on condition that she give security not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Col. William Scott, Lieutenant of the county of York, for the sum of two thou-

sand pounds specie, to be paid to William Alexander, Paymaster of the militia of the said county, for the purpose of paying the militia now on duty guarding the prisoners at Yorktown, out of the money arising from militia fines in said county, and no other, for which the said Paymaster is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Sept'r 19, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Walter Finney, a wounded officer in the Pennsylvania line, or his order, the sum of three pounds twelve shillings specie, for paying the necessary expences of his attendance on the Surgeons, for which sum he is to account.

Mr. Delany, Mr. Mifflin, Mr. Hiester, Mr. Hill and Mr. Montgomery, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council in conference on the measures necessary for the present defence.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the several officers of the State, whose papers, &c., are numerous, and request them to have them ready to remove at the shortest notice.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Septem'r 20, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Lacey.
Mr. Van Campen, and

A petition from William Green, by his attorney John Lee, was read, praying to have a lot in the city laid out in right of Green; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Perry, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Westmore-

land, for the sum of two thousand six hundred and fifty-six pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, ballance of his account as Commissioner of Purchases for said county.

Ordered, That the Secretary request Commodore Hazlewood to supply about eighty militia, now in the Barracks, with provisions, and assure him that in case Mr. Morris does not pay him, the Council will.

WHEREAS, The probable designs of the enemy against the city of Philadelphia, require the most unanimous exertions; wherefore,

Resolved, That in this emergency the militia of the city and districts be called forth in battalion, each under its proper officers, agreeably to the thirtieth section of the militia law of this State, and that the Lieutenant hold the appeal on all delinquents, and collect the fines to be applied to the use of the militia in actual service with all possible dispatch.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of the 29th day of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, to wit:

To George Vogel, for lots No. 313, 314, and 315. Consideration one hundred and sixty-four pounds.

To Michael Cainer, for lots No. 127 and 128. Consideration one hundred and four pounds.

To do., for lots No. 165 and 166. Consideration one hundred and thirty pounds.

To Hugh Hadge, for lots No. 472 and 473. Consideration sixty-five pounds.

To Michael Cainer, for lots No. 167 and 168. Consideration one hundred and two pounds.

To Edward Evans, for lots No. 81 and 83. Consideration eighty pounds.

To Edward Pole, for lots No. 343, 344, 345 & 346. Consideration two hundred and forty pounds.

To Jedediah Snowden, for lots No. 385, 386, 387 and 388. Consideration one hundred and twenty-two pounds.

To Philip Wager, for lot No. 320. Consideration forty-six pounds.

To Francis Johnson, for lot No. 342. Consideration seventy pounds.

To John Hood, for lots No. 29, 30, 31 and 32. Consideration five hundred and sixty-seven pounds.

To Peter Azeas, for lots No. 270, 271, 276 and 277. Consideration two hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

To do, for lot No. 245. Consideration forty-one pounds.

To George Vogel, for lots No. 310, 311 and 312. Consideration one hundred and twenty pounds.

To Benjamin Fuller, for lots No. 281 and 282. Consideration sixty-one pounds.

To do., for lots No. 410, 411, 412 and 413. Consideration ninety-six pounds.

To do., for lot marked E. Consideration one hundred and thirty-five pounds.

To Hugh Hodge, for lots No. 352, 353, 354, 355, 356 and 357. Consideration three hundred and two pounds.

To William Greenway, for lots No. 613 and 614. Consideration sixty pounds.

To do., for lot No. 366. Consideration forty-one pounds.

To James Hunter, for lot No. 307. Consideration twenty-six pounds.

To Isaac Snowden, for lots No. 367, 368, 369 and 370. Consideration one hundred and forty-five pounds.

To John Morgan, for lot No. 33. Consideration one hundred and eighty pounds.

To his Excellency Thomas M'Kean, Esquire, for lot No. 49. Consideration ninety-two pounds.

To do., for lot No. 5. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To do., for lot No. 16. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To do., for lot No. 17. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To do., for lot No. 48. Consideration eighty-two pounds.

To do., for lot No. 6. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To William Pritchett, for lots No. 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364 & 365. Consideration three hundred and three pounds.

To do., for lot No. 1. Consideration one hundred and seventy-one pounds.

To David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, for lot No. 214. Consideration one hundred and twenty-one pounds.

To the Honourable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for lots No. 376 and 377. Consideration seventy-three pounds.

To Michael Shubart, Esquire, for lots No. 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236 and 237. Consideration two hundred and six pounds.

To Nicholas Bernard, for lot No. 82. Consideration thirty-five pounds.

To William Graham, for lots No. 269 and 278. Consideration one hundred and ten pounds.

All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this State, as by the said Treasurer's receipts produced to this Board appears. Deeds dated the twentieth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 21, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Joseph Allston, for four lots of land situate on Province Island, and marked in the general plan of the said island No. 20, 21, 27 and 28; containing forty one acres and twenty perches of land, strict measure, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of the 29th day of April, 1780, to the said Joseph Allston, for the sum of two thousand four hundred and eighteen pounds eight shillings and three pence, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipt produced to this Board. Deed dated the twenty-first instant.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons, to wit:

In favor of Captain Jacob Livergood, for the sum of fifty-one pounds specie, for paying one month's pay in advance to the company of Riflemen commanded by him, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr John Parker, for the sum of fifteen pounds one shilling and nine pence specie, amount of his account for bricklayer's work done to the State House.

In favor of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part for his services in surveying and laying out the city lots, for which sum he is to account.

Resolutions of the Honorable House of General Assembly of the twentieth instant were received and read, authorizing and empowering the President or Vice President in Council, in case of an invasion of this State by the enemy, to call forth such and so many waggons as shall appear to them necessary for the transportation of the necessary baggage and stores of such troops, either Continental or militia, as may be called forth into actual service on this emergency, or for the transportation of the records, books, and papers, or other public property, either of the United States or of this State. That the Waggon Masters of the several counties in this State, and their Deputies, be required to attend to the several duties which were injoined by the former waggon law of this State; and that the owners of such waggons be paid twenty-five shillings

specie, per day, for a waggon and four horses, and fifteen shillings per day for a waggon and two horses, the owners finding the necessary drivers and forage. Also authorizing the said President or Vice President in Council, in case of necessity, to direct his warrant under his hand and seal, to such persons as shall be deemed proper to seize and impress any waggons, horses, boats, sloops, or shallops, for the transportation of the several articles above mentioned; and in the meantime to detain all waggons, horses, boats, or other vessels, which any persons may endevour to remove. Also authorizing and empowering the said President or Vice President in Council, to seize and impress arms, ammunition, and military stores and provisions of all kinds whatsoever, and apply them if need be, to public use, and to billet such troops as may be called together for the special defence of the State. Also authorizing the said President or Vice President in Council, in case of necessity, to call forth the whole of the militia without any respect to classes; to draw upon the Treasury for such sums of money as may be necessary in the present emergency, for repairing and procuring of arms and ammunition, and for other contingent expences attending the present service. That in case it shall become necessary to remove the prisoners of war, the late Commissioners of Purchase, or such other persons as the Council shall appoint, be directed to provide subsistence for them in the most expeditious and frugal manner, keeping regular accounts thereof, to be laid before a future General Assembly; and the faith of the State to be pledged for payment.

A resolution of the House of the twenty-first instant, was also read, authorizing and empowering the said President or Vice President in Council, to impress by warrant under his hand and seal, so many horses and waggons as he may judge necessary for the removal of the families and property of such inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia and districts as may be in actual service, and of such other citizens and persons who in his opinion may be entitled to and require the same, the hire of all such waggons and horses to be paid by persons making use thereof;

Ordered, That the said resolutions be filed.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to George Henry, conveying three several lots of ground situate on Province Island, and marked in the general plan of said Island No. 26, 29, and 30, containing thirty-two acres and one hundred and forty-eight perches, sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, to the said George Henry, for the sum of one thousand eight hundred and eleven pounds eleven shillings and six pence, which sum he hath paid to the Treasurer of this State, as by said Treasurer's receipt appears. Deed dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Sept'r 22d, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Whitehill.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Sept'r 24, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Clement Biddle, Quarter Master General of the militia of this State, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, for the use of his department, for which sum he is to be accountable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency the President of the State, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, to be by him paid to William M'Calla, late Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Bucks, for the purpose of procuring supplies of provisions for the militia ordered to rendezvous at Newtown, in the county of Bucks, for which sum he is to account.

The following Message being read and considered, to wit:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—On the representation of the General officers of the line, and our own knowledge of the difficulties the officers sustain in point of subsistence, we think it necessary to recommend to the Honorable House the passing a permanent law to empower the Justices of Peace to provide suitable quarters for troops march-

ing or occasionally resident in this State, whose necessities may require such provision; and we are of opinion it would redound much to the credit of the State to include in such a bill those of our virtuous countrymen from other States who may be compelled by the oppressions of the enemy to seek an asylum in the State of Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH REED, *President.*

Council Chamber, Philad'a, Sept'r 25th, 1781.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the Honorable House of Assembly.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favour of Captain Jacob Livergood, for the sum of thirty-two pounds four shillings, for pay and subsistance of himself and the company of Riflemen under his command to the twenty-fifth instant.

In favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of sixty-two pounds ten shillings specie, for purchasing twenty-five stand of arms for the use of the State, for which sum he is to account.

In favour of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five pounds specie, for paying sundry persons employed in making up cloathing for the use of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Sept'r 25, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Sept'r 26, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Whitehill.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Sept'r 27, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Whitehill, and

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Sept'r 28, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Sept'r 29, 1781.

PRESENT:

As Yesterday.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Oct'r 1, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill.
Mr. Van Campen, and

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 2, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Oct'r 3, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen, General Potter, (now first returned.)

A letter from his Excellency the President, dated Trenton, 27th of September, enclosing intelligence from Woodbridge. On consideration,

Ordered, That the four classes of militia of the county of Chester, and the Light Horse of the said county, lately called into service, immediately march for Newtown in the county of Bucks, and that the Lieutenant be directed to use every possible diligence in the execution of his order.

Lieutenant Colonel Ross informed the Council that the Lancaster militia, now on their march to Newtown, are entirely unarmed; and the Council not being able to furnish them with arms,

Ordered, That as the militia must not only be useless but also liable to be destroyed in case the enemy should advance upon them, they be immediately directed to return to their respective homes, holding themselves in readiness to march with their arms, upon notice so to do.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Military Stores of the United States be requested to have such work done in his department, in mounting the Artillery of the State, repairing of waggons, and other services, as the Quarter Master of the State shall apply to him for.

Ordered, That the militia of the city and districts be called forth in battalion, each under its proper officers, including the Light Horse and Artillery, agreeably to the thirtieth section of the militia law, and that the Lieutenant hold the appeal on all delinquents, and collect the fines, to be applied to the use of the militia in actual service, with all possible dispatch, agreeably to the order of the nineteenth instant: That the said militia be ordered to march immediately

Ordered, That the Waggon Master of the county of Chester do immediately furnish one hundred waggons, to be sent into the city as soon as possible.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, for paying the workmen employed in repairing up arms and making up cartridges, for which sum he is to account.

Ordered, That the Waggon Master of the county of Bucks be authorised to send to the army one hundred waggons, and to impress the same, if they cannot be otherwise obtained; that a war-

rant for this purpose be forwarded, agreeably to the resolves of the General Assembly, the law not being prepared.

Ordered, That Captain Jacob Livergood be appointed Captain of a company of Riflemen, enlisted to serve until the first day of January next; that he be commissioned accordingly, the said commission to continue in force until the first day of January next, unless sooner revoked by this Council, and all emoluments, pay and perquisites of the said office to cease on the said first day of January, or when the same shall be so revoked; that the said Commission bear date the twenty-first instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messrs. James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pensylvania line one-third of their depreciation certificates, and the gratuity allowed by the Assembly to the retained soldiers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Miller, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Lancaster, for the sum of three hundred and ninety-seven pounds one shilling and four pence three farthings specie, balance of his account for purchasing supplies in the said county for the use of the army.

A letter from Colonel Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, informing that the militia of that county were to march this morning for Newtown.

Ordered, That Colonel Ross, with the detachment of militia under his command, be directed to proceed to Newtown by the route of the Swede's ford.

Ordered, That Doctor Jackson, late Quarter Master, be directed to deliver over to Clement Biddle, the present Quarter Master, all the public stores now in his possession, and also a return of such stores as have been delivered to the several corps of militia and not returned.

Ordered, That the Waggon Master of the county of Chester be authorised and required forthwith to furnish one hundred waggons, with four horses and a driver to each, according to law, and that a warrant be issued authorising him to impress, if they cannot be otherwise obtained under the law.

Proposals by Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees, to supply the troops stationed in Northumberland county, being considered,

Agreed that Council will pay the said Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees ten pence per ration until the first day of December next, the money to be paid them on the said first day of December.

The ration to consist of

One pound of bread,
One pound of beef, or ¾ lb. of pork,
One gill of whiskey,
One quart of salt,
Two quarts of vinegar, } To every hundred rations.

Eight pounds of soap,
Three pounds of candles, } To every seven hundred rations.

Ordered, That the said contractors do furnish rations to Captain Robinson's company, and others actually employed and bearing arms for the defence of the frontiers, agreeably to a muster roll signed by Captain Robinson, and countersigned by the Lieutenant of the county monthly, and to no other persons whatever; that they furnish no back rations of any kind, or to any person.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Christian Wirtz, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchase for the county of Lancaster; one for the sum of two hundred and ninety-eight pounds four shillings and ten pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, balance of his State account; and the other for the sum of sixty-five pounds twelve shillings and six pence specie, balance of his specie account for procuring supplies in said county for the use of the army.

A petition from Mary Burns, convicted of felony in stealing the goods of Eleanor McDonald, and now confined in the old gaol, was read, praying remission of her fine; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Mary Burns, be remitted.

The petition of Abraham Beam and Jacob Barkman, convicted at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held at Lancaster on the sixteenth of May last, of a misdemeanour, was read, representing that the said Abraham was fined in the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds specie, &c.; and the said Jacob was fined two hundred and fifty pounds in specie, &c.; that the same had respect to the value of paper money then current, and praying that the said fines may be moderated, &c.; and the records of conviction of the said petitioners being read,

Ordered, That the fines of the aforesaid Abraham Beam and Jacob Barkman be received in the bills of credit of this State emitted by act of General Assembly of the seventh of April, 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his pay as one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line; for which sum he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 4, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Gen'l Potter.

Ordered, That the Waggon Master of the county of Chester be directed not to send forward the waggons ordered on the third instant, until the further order of this Board.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons, to wit:

In favor of Mr. Samuel Boutcher, for sixty-four pounds ten shillings, State money emitted by act of Assembly of the seventh of April, 1781, amount of his account for the hire of waggons called into service from the county of Philadelphia in August, 1780, agreeably to requisitions of Congress, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

In favor of the Honorable Robert Morris, Esq'r, Superintendent of the Finances of the United States, for the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds specie, in part of the supplies required by Congress from this State, for which the said Mr. Morris is to account, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, Door-keeper, for the sum of twenty-three pounds specie, amount of his account for his wages from the first to the thirtieth of September, 1781, thirty days at 15s.

In favor of for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, to be paid the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, at Newtown, for procuring supplies for the militia at that post; for which Gen'l Lacey is to account.

In favor of William Henry, Esquire, of Lancaster, for the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven pounds five shillings and one penny, amount of his account for shoes, boots and leather breeches, purchased for the Continental army, the same to be paid in State money emitted by act of Assembly of the seventh of April, 1781, and to be charged to the United States of America.

In favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General of the State, for the sum of fifteen pounds specie, being a fee for his appearance on behalf of the State at the court to be held in Bucks county for the trial of escheats.

As the enemy, by the latest accounts, have made no movements from Staten Island, though from the preparations they have made it is feared they mean an invasion of this State; therefore,

Resolved, That the militia now on their march be furloughed till further orders.

The Auditors for settling the depreciation of the Pennsylvania line having laid their state of that account before the Council,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly; and the same were accordingly inclosed to the Speaker of the House.

A letter from Robert Levers, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, inclosing the commission granted by this Board to Thomas Anderson, appointing him to be Captain of a troop of Light Horse of the said county, he refusing to accept thereof.

Ordered, That the said commission be cancelled, and the appointment cease.

Ordered, That General Lacey be directed to grant a furlough to the militia under his command, so as that they may attend the general election on Tuesday next.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of three thousand pounds, State money emitted by act of General Assembly passed the seventh day of April, 1781, for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

A letter from David Brearly, Esquire, Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey, informing that a certain Peter Parlee was lately committed to the gaol of Trenton, for having, in the year 1777, joined the armies of the King of Great Britain, and that, at the time of joining said armies, he owed allegiance to this State, and resided at Durham, in the county of Bucks. On consideration,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the county of Bucks be directed to send for and secure for trial, &c., the said Peter Parlee.

A letter from Daniel Heister, Junior, dated the fourth instant, representing a complaint of Henry Funck against Frederick Limback, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Northampton. On consideration,

Ordered, That a copy of said letter be transmitted to Robert Levers, Esquire, Lieutenant of the said county, with a request that he will enquire into the case and make report thereon to Council.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the county of Philadelphia be directed to make application to the Justices of the Peace, and request them to revise their orders to the pensioners, and, previous thereto, to endeavor to obtain information of the resignations in the invalid corps by persons who have claimed and by them allowed pensions from the State; and that rations be estimated at the price at which they are delivered by contract.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 6, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	General Potter.

WHEREAS, His Excellency the President hath represented to this Board that, during the sale of the Province or State Island, he employed a person to purchase one of the lots at a limited price; that the said agent purchased a lot marked No. 4 in the plot, but considerably exceeded the price limited; that he, notwithstanding, being unwilling to give any trouble to the commissioners, concluded to take it, and paid the quarter part purchase money, expecting the state of the public treasury would have admitted his drawing his salary from the public, so as to complete the payment of the remainder of the purchase money on equal terms with other purchases, but that the great deficiencies of the Treasury and other public demands having made this impracticable, and the said State money having since grately appreciated, it would now be very inconvenient to him to proceed in the said purchase, and he would rather forfeit the quarter part paid, as he hath right to do, if under such circumstances it should be reasonable to insist thereon in behalf of the Commonwealth; whereupon, the same being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That the said sale of said lot be vacated, and the Commissioners for sale of said island do sell the same, in behalf of the State, at such time and place as shall be most suitable, any former sale notwithstanding; and that the order drawn in favor of the President on the eighteenth of June last, lying at the Treasurer's, be vacated on the delivery of the Treasurer's receipts in behalf of the said lot.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of David Ziegler, for the sum of ten pounds ten shillings and one penny specie, for his expences in going to Head Quarters, and cash paid by him for sundry articles for the use of the State.

In favor of do., for the sum of eight pounds nine shillings and nine pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, balance of his State money account.

In favor of David Henderson, for the sum of seventeen pounds sixteen shillings specie, amount of his account for making a gibbet for Thomas Wilkinson.

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, for paying the workmen employed in repairing arms, for which sum he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Colonel William Coates, Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia, one hundred stand of arms, for the use of the militia of said county, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

Ordered, That the said Commissary deliver the like number of arms to Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, for the use of the militia of the said county, for which sum the said Lietenant is to account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Doctor James Hutchinson be appointed Director of the Hospitals and Physician and Surgeon General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and that Henry Osborne, Esquire, be appointed Judge Advocate of the militia of the said Commonwealth; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Monday, October 8, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Thompson, (now first returned from his family.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Alexander, for the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, for the hire of

a waggon to transport Continental cloathing from Yorktown to Philadelphia, to be charged to the United States of America.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire. for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, being advanced by him to Captain Henry Shoemaker, in behalf of the State, as a reward for sundry volunteers, who killed and scalped one Indian and relieved two prisoners, agreeably to a vote of this Board.

The Honorable James Thompson, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, to wit:

The State of Pennsylvania to James Thompson, Dr.

For his attendance in Council from the 7th of August to the 6th of Sept'r, 1781, inclusive, 31 days @ 25 s. - - - - - - -	£35	15 0
To riding to and from Philadelphia, 100 miles @ 1 s.	5	
To attendance the 7th & 8th instant, @ 25 s. -	2	10
To riding to and from Philadelphia, 100 miles @ 1 s.	5	
	£51	5

And thereupon, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Thompson, for the sum of fifty-one pounds five shillings, amount of the above account.

His Excellency the President of the State presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

Dr. the State of Pensylvania.

To one year's salary, as voted by the Assembly, - £2,250

Contra, Cr.

1780.			
Dec'r 5, By £5,000 old Continental money, a 75, By do at do	£133	6	3
1781.			
Apr. 6, By an order for State money,	562	10	
30, By do	9	3	
July 19, By do	50		
Aug. 14, By do	50		
Sept'r 7, By do	70		
22, By do	50		
			924 19 8
Balance specie,			£1,325 0 4

And thereupon, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President of the State,

for the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty five pounds and four pence specie, balance of the said account, and in full for his services as President to this day.

The Honorable William Moore, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account, to wit:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania in account with William Moore, Vice President.

1781.		
Oct'r 1, To amount of salary, as ℔ vote of the Honorable House of Assembly of Dec'r 3d, 1780, - - - - - -		£750
Contra, Cr.		
1780.		
Dec. 2d, By cash (Continental) £2,000, at exc. of 75 for 1 is -	£ 26 13 4	
1781.		
Jan'y 2d, By do State money, - -	150	
March 20, By do do - -	150	
Sept'r 6th, By do specie, - -	100	
		426 13 4
Balance specie, - - - -		£323 6 8

And thereupon, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable William Moore, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of three hundred and twenty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence specie, balance of the above account, and in full for his services as Vice President to the first instant.

Whereas, Christian Voght, late of the borough of Lancaster, who was attainted by the name of Christian Vouts or Vought, was at the time of his said attainder seized of a house and lot in Lancaster, which was in due form of law sold by the Agent to George Graff, Esquire, of the town of Lancaster, who made payment therefor in due time; but reasonable doubts arising of the validity of said attainder, the said Christian Voght hath been since again attainted, pursuant to the act of Assembly entitled "An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this Commonwealth, and for more effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon;" but it will become necessary that a new sale shall be made, in order to vest the premises in the purchaser; and inasmuch as the said George Graff hath on his part fully complied with the terms of sale, and it is reasonable that his title should be completed without farther expence or charge,

Resolved, That the Agent of Confiscated Estates in the county of Lancaster be directed to make sale of the said house and lot, agreeably to act of Assembly, and if it should happen that the said George Graff should be the highest bidder, and the purchase money should exceed the sum formerly bid by him for the premises, that such overplus be remitted and the title made, on the consideration heretofore paid by the said George Graff.

WHEREAS, The ascertaining the boundary line between this State and that of Virginia is of great importance to the welfare and happiness of each State; that the same should be done on such astronomical principles as to establish the said line in the most accurate and satisfactory manner:

And Whereas, It is highly necessary that preparations should be made seasonably for the said service, so that the same may be proceeded on in the month of May, agreeably to the proposition made on the part of Virginia and acceded to on the part of this State: Wherefore,

Resolved, That the Reverend Doctor John Ewing, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be appointed Commissioners for running the said line; and that the said Commissioners be desired to proceed with all convenient dispatch to provide the instruments necessary for said service, and make such other preparations therefor as may be necessary, the expence of which this Board will defray from time to time: And the said Commissioners are hereby requested to have every thing in readiness to perform said service, so that no delay may arise on the part of the State.

WHEREAS, The petition to the Honorable Congress, respecting the settlement of the disputed territory between this State and Connecticut, and entered the minutes of the Board on the twentieth of July last, hath hitherto, by the advice of the delegates of this State, been delayed; and the reasons of such delay having ceased,

Resolved, That the same be forwarded to the delegates of this State in Congress, to be presented without farther delay.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress of this day was received and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-fourth of September last, appointing Brigadier General William Irvine to the command of the Continental post at Fort Pitt.

Ordered, That the said papers be filed.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-ninth of August last, recommending to this State to take the most effectual measures in their power to enable General St. Clair to expedite the march of the troops mentioned in his letter, was read, and

Ordered, To be filed.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to wit:

To Major James Parr, conveying a certain plantation or tract of land situate in West Bradford township, in the county of Chester, containing about seventy-nine acres, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Philip Marchinton, an attainted traitor, to the said James Parr, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, subject to a yearly ground rent of two bushels and one-fourth part of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the sixteenth instant.

To Colonel Richard Humpton, conveying a certain messuage and plantation or tract of land, situate in the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, containing ninety-nine acres and ninety-seven perches, be the same more or less: Seized and sold agreeably to law, to the said Richard Humpton, as the estate late of Benedict Arnold, an attainted traitor, for and during the term of the said Arnold's natural life, for the sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds, which sum the said Richard Humpton hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the sixth instant.

To John Taylor, conveying a certain lot of ground situate on Province or State Island, in the township of Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of said Island No. 23, containing seven acres and one hundred and twenty perches. Sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, for the sum of four hundred and six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, which sum he hath paid to the Treasurer of the State, as by his receipt appears. Deed dated the sixth instant.

To Mr. Matthew Irwin, conveying lots No. 8 and 22, situate on Province or State Island, in the township of Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia; lot No. 8, containing eleven acres and one hundred and twenty-two perches; and No. 22, containing seven acres and twenty-six perches, be the same more or less. Sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, for the sum of eight hundred and eighty-two pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, which sum hath been paid to the Treasurer of the State, as by his receipt appears. Deed dated the eighth instant.

To John Taylor and John Connor, for lots No. 43, 44, 45, and 47, marked in the general plan of city lots, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Consideration five hundred and thirty-eight pounds. Deed dated the sixth instant.

To John Taylor, for lots No. 685, 686, 687, 688, and 689. Consideration eighty-eight pounds.

To ditto, for lot No. 326. Consideration seventy-two pounds.

To ditto, for lot No. 42. Consideration one hundred and forty-six pounds.

To ditto, for lot marked C in the said plan. Consideration one hundred and thirty-seven pounds.

To ditto, for lot marked B in said plan. Consideration one hundred and seventy-five pounds.

To Henry Martin, for lot No. 788. Consideration twenty-one pounds.

To Stephen Champaigne, for lots No. 173 and 174. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To James Hunter, for lot marked A in the said plan. Consideration one hundred and eighty pounds.

To Jacob Hiltzeimer, for lot marked D in do. Consideration one hundred and five pounds.

To Andrew Bunner, for lots No. 116 and 117. Consideration seventy-one pounds.

To Thomas Irwin, for lots No. 92, 93, 94, 95, and 96. Consideration two hundred and seventy-five pounds.

To Elias Boys, for lot No. 80. Consideration forty pounds.

To Mark Wilcox, for lots No. 90 and 91. Consideration seventy-nine pounds.

To John McCulloch, for lots No. 382, 383, and 384. Consideration one hundred and four pounds.

To John Wilson, for lots No. 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, & 301. Consideration three hundred and fifty pounds.

To Peter Ozeas, for lot No. 555. Consideration forty-four pounds.

To William Tilton, for lots No. 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, and 705. Consideration four hundred and seventy-two pounds.

To Theobald Scheibell, for lot No. 190. Consideration sixty-one pounds.

To do., for lot No. 189. Consideration fifty-nine pounds.

To do., for lot No. 188. Consideration fifty-eight pounds.

To Leonard Jacobi, for lot No. 186. Consideration sixty-two pounds.

To do., for lot No. 187. Consideration sixty-two pounds.

To Benjamin Harbeson, for lot No. 191. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To Christleib Bartling, for lot No. 192. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To Daniel Joy, for lot No. 185. Consideration sixty-eight pounds.

To William Will, for lots No. 260, 261, 262, and 263. Consideration two hundred and sixty-three pounds.

All which sums the persons before mentioned have paid to the Treasurer of the State, as by his receipts produced to this Board appears. Deeds dated the sixth instant.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, October 9, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Potter.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Board by the late accounts from New York, that there is not the same danger of an invasion of this State as when the militia were ordered out; therefore,

Resolved, That the militia of the county of Lancaster lately called into service be discharged.

Ordered, That Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, get two hundred and fifty cartouch boxes made in Lancaster, for the use of the militia of the said county. That he transmit an account of the expence thereof to this Board for payment.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Colonel Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, two hundred stand of arms for the use of the militia of the said county, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

Petitions from Siegmund Leshinecksy and John Hasse, of the town of Bethlehem, in the county of Northampton, in behalf of themselves and others, setting forth that they have been called upon for divers taxes which they are unable to pay, and praying some relief from this Board, were read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petitions be rejected.

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Wednesday, October 10, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen,	General Potter.

A letter from Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, announcing the death of Colonel Kichline, one of the Sub-lieutenants of the said county, dated the ninth inst't. On consideration,

Ordered, That William McHenry, Esquire, be appointed a Sub-lieutenant of the said county, in the room of Colonel Kichline, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The Council took into consideration a return made by Colonel Hart, of an election for choosing a Lieutenant in Captain Cryder's company, said to be held because the old Lieutenant had thrown up his commission, but the said commission not having been rendered to, and consequently not accepted by Council, the return of the said election is void; and therefore,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of Bucks county be informed that the said return cannot be received.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, for the sum of five thousand pounds specie, in part of the supplies required from this State by the Honorable Congress, for which the said Mr. Morris is to account, to be charged to the United States of America.

In Council.

PHIL'A, Thursday, October 11th, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen,	General Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William McCalla, of the county of Bucks, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the militia at Newtown, for which sum the said William McCalla is to account.

The Council took into consideration a resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth of September last, appointing Brigadier General Irvine to the command of Fort Pitt; and thereupon,

Ordered, That agreeably to the said recommendation, the Lieutenants of the counties of Washington and Westmoreland be ordered to call forth agreeably to law, upon his requisition, such militia as may be necessary for that post and the protection of the county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 12, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Whitehill, and
Mr. Van Campen,	General Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which sum he is to account.

The Council having received such information concerning the movements of the enemy, as render it improbable that their present designs tend immediately against this State; and the Council being anxiously desirous to avoid as much as possible the great inconveniency arising from the continuance of the militia in the field longer than is unavoidably necessary for the defence of the State,

Ordered, That the militia now at Newtown be discharged, and that General Lacey be directed to issue in general orders, the thanks of the Vice President and Council to the said militia for the readiness with which they have taken the field for the defence of the Commonwealth, at a time of such imminent danger from an enemy who, despairing of conquest, were spreading fire and desolation through such parts of the States as were unfortunately within their power, and assure them, that as they have been on this occasion called into the field in consequence of the intelligence of the designs of the enemy against the State, so there was reason to suppose that the patriotic readiness with which the freemen of the State appeared in arms, had a happy effect in preventing the intended invasion.

The Secretary informed the Council that there were several gentlemen at the door, who informed him they had something to communicate to the Council, and desired they might be admitted. On consideration,

Ordered, That they be admitted; and Robert Valentine, Henry Drinker, David Bacon, John Parrish, and John Head, were accordingly admitted.

Robert Valentine informed the Council that he had had for some time past an inclination, and that the inclination still continued, to visit his brethren in Ireland, on a religious account, to preach the Gospel. He was asked if he did not know that it was contrary to the laws of the country to go within the lines of the enemy; to which he replied that he had understood there was such a law, but that he had never read it. He had nothing to do with party affairs but had good will to all men. He was asked if he meant to request

a pass, to which he replied in the negative, but that he meant to inform the Council of his intention to prevent any reflections being cast on himself or his friends, under a pretence of his going in a secret manner. It was remarked to him that the information he had given Council of his intention to break the law, looked like a designed insult and a contempt; and that if he expected the information would prevent the effects of a breach of the law, he was much mistaken. To which he replied, that if he had expressed anything that looked like contempt, it was from his ignorance, not design; that he felt nothing like contempt for any.

A return of the general election of the city and county of Philadelphia was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected:

For the city of Philadelphia:

Representatives.

Frederick A. Muhlenberg, John Steinmetz, and
Samuel Morris, Jun'r, Samuel Meredith.
Sharp Delany,

Wardens.

Lawrence Sickle, and Andrew Tybout.

Commissioners of the Streets.

Samuel McLean, and Daniel Topham.

For the county of Philadelphia:

Councillor.

John Baird.

Representatives.

Matthew Holgate, George Smith,
Daniel Hiester, George Gray,
Joseph McLene, Thomas Rees, and
Henry Hill, Samuel Penrose.
George Campbell,

Sheriffs.

William Will, and Jacob Barge.

Coroners.

Joseph Rush, and John Knight.

Commissioner.

Nathan Gibson.

On consideration,

Resolved, That William Will be appointed Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia; and that Joseph Rush be appointed

Coroner of the said city and county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

William Will, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the city and county of Philadelphia, now offers Lewis Farmer and Peter Paris, of Philadelphia, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as Sheriff according to law; and the same are approved.

A return of the general election of the county of Bucks, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Representatives.

Gerardus Wynkoop,	James Tate, and
James Wilkinson,	Charles Kichline.
Thomas Long,	

Sheriffs.

George Wall, Jun'r,	Samuel Dean.

Coroners.

Abraham Dubois,	John Carr.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That George Wall, Jun'r, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Bucks, and that John Carr be appointed Coroner of the said county, and they be commissioned accordingly.

George Wall, Jun'r, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Bucks, now offers John Carr and Nathaniel Ellicott, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved by this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Oct'r 13, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Van Campen,	General Potter, and
Mr. Whitehill,	Mr. Gardner.

John Bayard, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Philadelphia, attended in Council, and took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution, and thereupon took his seat in Council as a member thereof.

A petition from John Auckley, praying a licence to buy and sell in the public market, was read; and thereupon, the said petition was dismissed.

The petition of Elizabeth Burgess, convicted of larceny, and fined seventeen pounds to the Commonwealth, praying a remission of the fine on account of her age and extreme poverty, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Oct'r 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Whitehill,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Arndt, Esquire, of the county of Northampton, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings specie, in full for his services in attesting and paying bounties to recruits in the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Williams, for the sum of four pounds specie, for making eight rough boxes for packing up the books and papers belonging to the Council.

A return of the election of the county of Chester was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Representatives.

Percifer Frazier,
John Culberson,
James Moore,
Patrick Anderson,
John Hannum,
Evan Evans,
Thomas Moffat, &
John Lindsay.

Sheriffs.

John Gardner, and
George Campbell.

Coroners.

Allen Cunningham, and
Thomas Mease.

Commissioner.

Joseph Strawbridge.

On consideration,

Resolved, That John Gardner be appointed Sheriff of the county of Chester, and that Allen Cunningham be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

John Gardner, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Chester, now offers Edward Vernon and Joseph Gardner, of the said county,

as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved.

A return of the general election for the county of Lancaster was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

James Cunningham.

Representatives.

John Whitehill,
Matthias Slough,
Christopher Kucher,
James Jacks,
Jacob Cooke,
Jacob Carpenter,
Jacob Krug,
Abraham Scott,
William Brown,
James Mercer, and
James Porter.

Sheriffs.

Joseph Work, and
John Miller.

Coroners.

John Offner, and

Commissioner.

Samuel Boyd.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That Joseph Work be appointed Sheriff of the county of Lancaster, and that John Offner be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Joseph Work, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Lancaster, offers Randell McClure and William Kelly, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved.

A return of the general election of the county of Berks was received and read; by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Councillor.

Sebastian Levan.

Representatives.

Baltzer Gehr,
Gabriel Hiester,
Daniel Hunter,
Benjamin Weiser,
Joseph Heister, and
John Bishop.

Sheriffs.

Conrad Foos, and
Philip Kreemer.

Coroners.

Peter Nagel, and
John Spohn.

Commissioner.

Daniel Messersmith.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Philip Kreemer be appointed Sheriff of the county of Berks; and that Peter Nagel be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Philip Kreemer, Esquire, appointed by this Board to be Sheriff of the county of Berks, now offers Joseph Hiester, Esquire, and Mr. John Witman, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved.

A return of the general election of the county of Northampton was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Representatives.

Jonas Hartzell,
William M'Farren,
Peter Kohler,
Robert Lattimore, and
Jacob Stroud.

Sheriffs.

Robert Traill, and
Peter Ealer.

Coroners.

George Palmer, and
Peter Trexler, Jun'r.

Commissioner.

William Henry Lawall.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Robert Traill, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Northampton; and that George Palmer be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Robert Traill, Esquire, Sheriff for the county of Northampton, now offers Jacob Grotz, Sen'r, and Michael Odewelder, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved.

The Honorable Robert Whitehill, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Council, to wit:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to Robert Whitehill.
For attendance in Council, as follows, vizt:

In Council.

PHILAD'A, Tuesday, Oct'r 16th, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Van Campen, and
General Lacey, (now first returned from Newtown.)

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Oct'r 17, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of said city and liberties now in service, the sum to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, and to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines, for which the said Paymaster is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Oct. 18, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
M. Van Campen,
Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Potter.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of William Scott, Esquire, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Bucks, for the sum of three thousand pounds specie,

for paying the militia of the said county, lately called into service; the same to be charged to Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of said county, and to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines and no other.

In favor of Mr. Francis Baily, for the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight pounds three shillings specie, amount of his account for printing for the Council to the fourth instant.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, Doorkeeper, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, for purchasing firewood for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

A letter from Frederick Limback and Peter Burnholder, Esquire, Sub-lieutenants of the county of Northampton, of the fifteenth instant, was read, complaining of the conduct of Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of the said county, in the execution of his office. On consideration,

Resolved, That a copy of the said letter be forwarded to the said Lieutenant, and he be directed to send an answer thereto as soon as possible.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Oct'r 19, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, M. Van Campen.
Mr. Potter, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain David Ziegler, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, in full for services as Sub-Clothier for this State to the fifteenth; the same to be charged to the United States of America.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of seven pounds nineteen shillings and two pence specie, in full for forty days labour of Daniel Morrison and William Spall at Mud Island, and their subsistence.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Oct'r 20, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, and
Mr. Van Campen, General Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, late Superintendent of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of nine hundred and forty pounds four shillings specie, for the purpose of procuring supplies for the use of the army, for which he the said Colonel Morgan is to account.

A return of the general election of the county of Northumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Representatives.

William Montgomery, William M'Clay.
William Cook, and

Sheriffs.

James Crawford, and Daniel Montgomery.

Coroners.

Christopher Getting, and John Scott.

Commissioners.

James Aspey, and Daniel Montgomery.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That James Crawford, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, and that Christopher Getting be appointed and commissioned to be Coroner of the said county.

James Crawford, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Northumberland, now offers Thomas Hewitt and James Hayes, Esq'rs, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, according to law, and the same are approved.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Oct'r 22d, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Potter.

A return of the general election for the county of York was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Councillor.

James Ewing.

Representatives.

Moses McClean,	James Ramsey,
Robert McPherson,	John Agnew,
Michael Schmyser,	Michael Hahn, &
Thomas Lilley,	James McGuffin.

Sheriffs.

Henry Miller, and	Abdiel McCallister.

Coroners.

George Lewis Lesler, and	Jacob Rothrock.

Commissioner.

Jacob Schmyser.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That Henry Miller, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of York, and that Jacob Rothrock be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Henry Miller, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of York, now offers David Greer and Thomas Hartley, Esquire, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, according to law, and the same are approved.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Oct'r 23, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Potter.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Oct'r 24, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Gardner.
Mr. Potter,	

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, to William Crawford, of the county of Bucks, conveying a certain tract of land situate in New Britain township, in the said county of Bucks, containing one hundred acres, more or less: Seized and sold, agreeably to law, as the estate of John Meredith, an attainted traitor, to the said William Crawford, for the sum of three hundred and sixty-one pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, which sum he hath paid to George Wall, jun'r, Esquire, Agent of Forfeited Estates in the county of Bucks aforesaid. Deed dated this day.

Colonel Tilghman, Aid-de-Camp to his Excellency General Washington, having arrived with official accounts of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, with the Garrisons of York and Gloucester, to the confederate arms of the United States and of France,

Ordered, That one company of the Artillery be called upon to attend with four pieces of artillery in the State House yard at twelve o'clock, with rounds of powder; that the bells of the city begin to ring at twelve o'clock; that it be recommended to the citizens who choose to illuminate on this glorious occasion, to begin at six o'clock, and extinguish their lights at nine o'clock; that it be recommended to the Justices of the Peace to take the necessary measures for preserving good order and decorum in the city during this evening. The illumination to be extinguished at nine o'clock.

The Council taking into consideration the case of the following persons now confined in the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, to wit: Joseph Pritchard and John Linley, convicted of misprision of treason, and James Gallant, Elizabeth Cook, and Roger Mallet, convicted of larceny,

Resolved, That Joseph Linley and John Pritchard be pardoned, so far as respects the imprisonment of their persons, during the continuance of the present war.

Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said James Gallant, Elizabeth Cook, and Roger Mallet, be remitted, and that they be discharged from confinement on paying their fees.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Oct'r 25, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Potter.

A letter from Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, of the twenty-third instant, inclosing sundry depositions setting forth, that on the evening of the twenty-second instant, John Hart, Esquire, Treasurer of the county of Bucks, was robbed of public money to the amount of near two thousand pounds, by a number of armed men unknown, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Proclamation be issued offering a reward of one hundred pounds in specie for each and every of the perpetrators of the said robbery who shall be apprehended and convicted of the same, which Proclamation is as follows, viz:

By the Honorable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By divers depositions taken according to law, it appears that on the night of the twenty-second instant October, the the Treasurer of the county of Bucks, within this State, hath been robbed of silver and paper money to the amount of near two thousand pounds, by a number of armed men unknown:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance that the perpetrators of such atrocious crimes should be brought to condign punishment, we have thought fit to offer, and do hereby offer a public reward of one hundred pounds in specie for each and every of the perpetrators of the said robbery who shall be apprehended and convicted of the same; and we do hereby strictly charge, enjoin and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and all other the faithful and liege subjects within this government, to make diligent search and enquiry after the above offenders, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure them, and every of them, so that they may be brought to justice.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of the Honorable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice President.*

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, five pounds of pistol powder, for the use of the militia of the said county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 26, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Van Campen.

James Ewing, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of York, attended in Council, and took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution; and thereupon, took his seat in Council as a member thereof.

Captain Hazlewood having informed the Council that some time ago he had made a contract on public account with John Vanderen, Junior, for a quantity of flour, and had advanced him a sum thereupon; that he had not been able to obtain either the flour, according to contract, nor the money to be returned; and that Edmund Milne was surety for the performance of the contract; on consideration,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to bring an action or actions for the recovery of the said money so advanced.

A petition from Richard Wetherill in behalf of Asa Parent and Benjamin English, two deserters from the enemy, and now confined in the gaol of the county of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, for high treason, being inhabitants of Bucks county, in this State, was read, praying a pardon for the said deserters, or, if that cannot be granted, that they may be brought from Burlington to the gaol of Bucks county or admitted to bail; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

A petition from Richard Rundle in behalf of Daniel Rundle, praying a pass for the said Daniel to come from New York to Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

A letter from the Board of War inclosing a note from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, respecting a certain Benjamin Ford, taken on board of one of the enemy's boats, and said to be taken at sea by the enemy and compelled into their service, recommend-

ing the case of the said Benjamin to the consideration of Council, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Bayard and Doct'r Gardiner be requested to make inquiry into the said case, and report thereon to Council.

Colonel Bayard and Doctor Gardner report, that on enquiry it appeared highly probable the case of Benjamin Ford deserved attention, and that he had really been detained among the enemy by force; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Board of War be informed, that Council consent to the enlargement of Benjamin Ford, he entering surety in the Secretary's office in the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds not to return within the lines of the enemy.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, to Benjamin Evans, conveying a certain two story carpenter's shop and lot of ground thereunto belonging, situate on the north side of Pine street, between Third street and Fourth street, in the city of Philadelphia; containing in breadth east and west twenty feet, and in length or depth north and south one hundred and sixty feet (from Pine to Union street:) Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of William Evans, an attainted traitor, to the said Benjamin Evans, for the sum of nine thousand pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, subject to the yearly ground rent of four bushells and a half of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-sixth instant.

A petition from Thomas Forrest, of the city of Philadelphia, in behalf of his mother, Sarah Forrest, setting forth that she was lately bound by recognizance to appear at the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery now sitting for the city and county of Philadelphia, to answer certain misdemeanors alleged against her by a certain James Child, aged about fourteen years, &c., and praying this Board will be pleased to direct the Attorney General to enter a noli prosequi as to the said charge, and thereby prevent any further prosecution thereof, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered unanimous. The Attorney General be directed to enter a noli prosequi accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 27, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Isaac Connelly, for the sum of ten pounds specie, amount of an account of expences of a company of Colonel Marshe's battalion of militia Artillery on the twenty-fourth instant, being set apart as a day of rejoicing for the taking of Lord Cornwallis.

An order to the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the seventh class of the second battalion of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia be called into service, for the purpose of relieving the guards now on duty.

A letter from Thomas Long, Esquire, of the county of Bucks, praying leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives in General Assembly for the said county of Bucks, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A deed was examined by the Honorable the Vice President, to Thomas Armor, Junior, of the town of York, conveying a certain tract of land situate in Newberry township, in the county of York, containing two hundred and fourteen acres and allowance, part of No. 6, late the estate of James Rankin, an attainted traitor: Seized and sold agreeably to law, to the said Thomas Armor, Jun'r, for the sum of one thousand and fifteen pounds, old Continental money, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-fourth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Oct'r 29, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Van Campen.

James Cunningham, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Lancaster, attended in Council, and took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution; and thereupon took his seat at the Board as a member thereof.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 30, 1781

PRESENT:

Honourable WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Potter,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Ewing.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Nevell, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his account for repairing the State House steeple, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieutenant John Hughes, of the seventh Pennsylvania regiment, for the sum of nine pounds specie, being money paid by him as a bounty to William Thomas for enlisting as a soldier in the said regiment.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 31, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Potter,	

The Council having received information that the light house is in danger of being much injured by the washing of the sea, took into consideration the state of office of Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, and it appearing that the gentlemen formerly appointed to that office, had not entered the security, nor taken the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for the said office, proceeded to choose others in their stead; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Luke Morris, Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Francis Gurney, Joseph Dean, Matthew Irwin and Benjamin G. Eyre, be appointed Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, and be commissioned accordingly.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esq., Financier General, dated the nineteenth of the present month, inclosing a state of the subsidy allowed by France to the United States of America, and the advance upon the loan proposed to be made in Holland, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

Sebastian Levan, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Berks, attended in Council and took the affirmation of allegiance and of office required by the Constitution; and thereupon, took his seat at the Board as a member thereof.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mary Hitchcock, for the sum of twelve pounds five shillings specie, amount of an account for repairing the light house, haling material, mending the well, &c., at Cape Henlopen.

The Council taking into consideration the case of John Jeremiah Rice, an attainted traitor, late an inhabitant of this State, taken prisoner at sea in an armed boat in the service of the King of Britain, and now confined in the gaol of this city, and he being recommended to this Board by his Excellency the President of Congress for a pardon, in consideration of his having made an important discovery of the designs of the enemy at New York; thereupon,

Resolved, That a pardon be granted to the said John Jeremiah Rice accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov'r 1, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Potter.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of twenty-seven pounds three shillings and four pence specie, balance of his account for his wages to the thirty-first of October, and for wood purchased for the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifteen pounds specie, to be by him paid to Messrs. M'Calla and Willet of Bucks county, for the purpose of paying for provisions furnished to the militia lately called into service under General Lacey, for which the said M'Calla and Willet are to account.

A letter from his Excellency Thomas M'Kean, Esquire, President of Congress, was received and read, inclosing an act of Congress of the twenty-sixth ultimo, recommending to the several States to set apart the thirteenth day of December next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov'r 2, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Potter.

A letter from Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, of the county of Bedford, dated the second instant, praying leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives in General Assembly for the said county, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A petition from Frederick Otto, Junior, Surgeon of the Continental Hospital at the Yellow Springs, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board the said Frederick Otte is a subject of the State of New Jersey; and therefore, the prayer of said petition cannot be granted.

A like petition from Thomas Bond, Junior, Purveyor of the Hospital of the United States, in behalf of himself & Doctor Goodwin Wilson, a Physician and Surgeon of the said Hospital, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, so far as respects the said Thomas Bond, Junior.

A letter from Robert Levers, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, in answer to a letter from Frederick Limback and Peter Burkholder, of the fifteenth, complaining of the conduct of the said Robert Levers in the execution of his office of Lieutenant; and also respecting the case of Henry Funk and others, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a committee of three, to wit: Generals Potter, Lacey, and Ewing.

A petition from James Sterett, of the county of Lancaster, setting forth that Jacob Bright, Inspector of Flour in this city, hath lately seized eighteen casks of flour belonging to him, being by mistake deficient in weight, that there was no intention of fraud, he having soon discovered the mistake but too late to prevent the sale, and praying the aid of this Board therein, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Nov. 3, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Potter.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Samuel Steritt, Esquire, Muster Master of the militia of this State, be directed to muster the militia now called into service as guards for the city, at two o'clock this day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Lollar, Esquire, Paymaster of the militia of the county of Philadelphia, for the sum of five thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of pay-

ing the militia of said county lately called into service under General Lacey, to be charged to Colonel William Coates, Lieutenant of said county, and to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 5th, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Potter,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of one thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said city and liberties, lately called into service for guards, to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the said city, and to be repaid by him as soon as the money arising from militia fines shall be collected, the said Paymaster to be accountable.

Ordered, That Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be directed to call forth the succeeding class of the militia of said city and liberties to those now on duty, to the amount of one hundred men in the whole.

The two following deeds were examined and passed, to wit:

To Jacob Morgan and Hilary Baker, Jun'rs, for three lots marked in the general plan of city lots O, P and Q; sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, for the sum of four hundred and twenty-seven pounds. Deed dated the eighth of October last.

A petition from Joseph Egg, setting forth that Anthony Moore, lately deceased, was seized in fee of a certain lot of ground situate on the north side of Sassafras street, between Seventh and Eighth streets from Schuylkill, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth forty-nine feet and an half, and in length three hundred and six feet; that the said Anthony Moore mortgaged the same to him on the thirty-first of January, 1776, to secure the payment of one hundred and fifty pounds, which lot hath been lately sold at the Coffee House to Edward Pole, but not conveyed; and praying that this Board will be pleased not to convey the said lot to the said Edward Pole, or to any other person, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General of the State, and that he be directed to make inquiry respecting the same, and make report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Nov'r 6th, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter.
Mr. Cunningham,	

Mr. Coldwell, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Deane, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Blewer, and Mr. Eyre, Wardens of the Port, attended in Council and informed that they had respectively taken the qualification required by the Constitution to qualify them for the said office, and they were informed of the situation of the light house.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Peter Reeve, late Treasurer of the Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, be directed to deliver over to the present Board of Wardens, or their order, the money, books, and papers in his hands belonging to the said Board of Wardens.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Nov'r 7, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, seventy blankets, seventy stable coats, seventy pair of shoes, seventy hats, and seventy pair of overalls, to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the use of Captain Thomas Robinson's company of Rangers, raised in said county.

A petition from John Swanwick, praying permission for his mother, Mary Swanwick, and a certain Mary Connor, to go to Elizabeth town, in the State of New Jersey, and to return, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said permission be granted.

The Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire, laid before the Board the following account, to wit:

The State of Pennsylvania to John Van Campen, Dr.

For attendance in Council from the eighth of September to the eighth of November, 1781, inclusive, 61 days at 25s. per day,	£76 5
To mileage, 90 miles coming to Philadelphia and returning home, 180 miles at 1s.,	9
Specie,	£85 5
To an error in my account of the 14th of March, 1781, State money.	£17 10,

And thereupon, the following orders were drawn on the Treasurer:

In favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, to wit: One for the sum of eighty-five pounds specie, and the other for the sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings, State money emitted by act of General Assembly of the seventh of April, 1781, agreeably to the foregoing account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Thomas Coombe, late Collector of the duties and sums of money due & payable for the tonnage of all ships and vessels chargeable by an act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed February the twenty-fifth, 1773, entitled "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and Receiver of the fines and penalties imposed by the said act," be directed to deliver over the books, money and papers in his hands belonging to the Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, to the present Board of Wardens, or their order, together also with the seal of the said Board, and all things of what nature which may be lodged and now remaining in his hands as Clerk of the said Board or otherwise.

A letter from Charles Thompson, Esquire, Secretary of Congress, informing of the election of his Excellency John Hanson, Esquire, to be President of Congress for the present year.

A letter from Anne Moore, praying a pass to go to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be granted, on condition that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

A letter from John Hannums, Esquire, of the county of Chester, of the seventh instant, praying leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives of the General Assembly for said county, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov. 8, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Levan.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov'r 9, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Potter,

The Council taking into consideration the circumstances of William Will, Esquire, one of the Agents for Forfeited Estates, he being Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, and his time consequently taken up by the duties of the said office,

Ordered, That William Will be discharged from the said office, and the thanks of this Board given him for the faithful discharge of the duty therein.

Ordered, That Henry Osborne, Esquire, be appointed Agent for Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia, in the stead of William Will, Esquire.

A resignation of the office of Forfeited Estates in the county of Chester, by John Hannums, was received and read; and

On consideration, the same was accepted.

The petition of George Schlosser was read, and referred to the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the city and several counties of the State, do make a return to this Board as soon as possible, of all forfeited estates unsold, describing the situation, quantity, quality, and improvement of each, and the estate held therein by the persons respectively, who have forfeited the same, whether in fee simple or otherwise.

Mr. McLene and General Wilkinson, a committee of the Honorable House of Assembly attended in Council, and informed that

the House was now met and ready to receive any business the Council may have to lay before them.

The Secretary laid before the Board a draft of a message to the House of Assembly; and the same being read and considered, was agreed to; and is in the words following, to wit:

Message from the Vice President and Supreme Executive Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—It is with the highest pleasure that we congratulate the General Assembly at their first meeting, upon the great and glorious events of the present campaign, and the bright and happy prospect which opens before us; while the citizens of America were distressed with painful apprehensions for the fate of a handful of brave men in the Carolinas, surrounded with dangers and difficulties, General Green, with a degree of prudence, fortitude, perseverence, and courage, which does him the highest honor, has with the assistance of the patriot citizens of those States, not only baffled the efforts of an enemy greatly superior to him in force, and who affect to pride themselves on superior discretion, but after many well fought battles has obliged them to abandon the interior parts of those States, and by the late signal and important victory over them at the Eutaw Springs, finally compelled them to retire with precipitation within the vicinity of Charleston, and thereby freed an insulted and distressed country from the ravages of a vengeful and cruel enemy. And after we had long looked with a sympathetic sorrow on the ravages committed by a numerous army in a neighboring sister State, that whole army, consisting of near nine thousand men, including the seamen found on board the enemy's armed ships, have been made prisoners of war, and all their artillery, ammunition, stores, transports, and military chests, taken with them. This important achievement, planned with consummate wisdom, and executed almost without loss, has not left a single foe in arms for an extent of at least six hundred miles. And while it reflects the highest honor upon the Commander-in-Chief and the allied army and navy, exhibits a glorious proof of the immense advantage which the United States of America have derived from their alliance with France, and of the boundless worth of the friendship of their powerful, wise, and generous Prince; atchievements whose magnitude excites a solemn joy, and inspires the mind with gratitude to Him whose Providence governs the Universe.

But while we rejoice in those signal successes, and contemplate the extensive advantages which may be derived from them, it behoves us to look forward to another campaign, and make the most effectual preparations for a vigorous effort to drive the enemy from our country, and put an honorable period to the war.

Among other considerations, it may deserve the serious inquiry of your Honorable House, whether there may not be some improvements in the mode of assessing and collecting the public taxes, tending to make the same more certain and expeditious and less expensive. It appears to be proper to inform you, that having some time since sold the land known by the name of the Province Island, for the redemption of the bills of credit issued by the State bearing date April 29th, 1780, we have for the same purpose lately made a considerable progress in the sale of the city lots; and although it is far within the time limited for that purpose by the law, we intend to continue the sale until the whole of that emission shall be redeemed. This will not only save to the State the interest which would otherwise accrue upon those bills, and draw out of circulation a considerable sum of paper money, but will also afford an unequivocal and decisive proof of the determination of the State to preserve its faith with respect to the bills of credit issued by the Legislature for the support of the war.

We are pained with the distresses of those families which have suffered on the frontiers by the Savages, yet we are bound to acknowledge that those suffering, have happily been much fewer than, after every assistance had been given them which it was in our power to afford them, we feared they could have been; and we confide that the frontier settlements will be remembered by you in the course of the present session, and be properly provided for, as far as their exposed situation will admit. That harmony and mutual confidence between the Executive and Legislature, which is at all times beneficial to the State, shall be cultivated by us with a due attention, and we shall continue to afford every aid in our power to maintain the true interests of the State.

The Secretary will lay before you several papers from the Financier General, which deserve your immediate attention; and also, such other papers as we have at present to communicate to you.

WILLIAM MOORE, Vice President.

Council Chamber, Phil'a, Nov'r 9, 1781.

Ordered, That the said message be laid before the General Assembly.

Ordered, That Samuel Sterett, Esquire, Muster Master of the militia of this State, be directed to muster the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, now called into service as guards in the city, to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, to Captain William Rice, conveying one undivided fifth part of two hundred and fifty acres of land, situate in the township of Bristol, in the county of Philadelphia: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Nathan Roberts, an attainted traitor, to the said William Rice, for the sum of eight hundred and ten pounds, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents

of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the ninth day of November instant.

The following deeds were examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, for sundry lots in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, as follows, vizt:

To John M'Kim, for lots No. 544, 545, 550 and 551. Consideration one hundred and ninety-one pounds.

To Robert Bridges, for lots No. 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Consideration five hundred and ninety-one pounds.

To James McKim, for lots No. 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907 and 908, & 909. Consideration one hundred and sixty-five pounds; which sums the said persons have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as by his receipt appears. Deeds dated the ninth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Nov'r 10, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Potter.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. David Deshler, one for the sum of three thousand and ninety-seven pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, State money emitted by act of Assembly of the seventh day of April, 1781; and the other for the sum of four hundred and one pounds eight shillings and one half penny specie, balance of his account as Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Northampton.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 12, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter.
Mr. Cunningham,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of the Finances of the United States of America, for the sum of thirty thousand pounds specie, in part of the supplies required from this State by the Honorable Congress, for which the said Robert Morris is to account; the same to be charged to the United States of America.

Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Culbertson and Mr. Slough, a committee of the Honorable House of General Assembly, attended in Council, and proposed to the consideration of the Board the appointing a day for electing a President and Vice President; when Wednesday next was agreed upon as a proper day.

Resolved, That Mr. Bayard and General Lacey be a committee of this Board to meet the said committee of Assembly, to agree upon the ceremonies necessary to be observed at the election of the President and Vice President, to be held on Wednesday next.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 13, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Piper, (now first returned from his family.)

On consideration,

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to send to Mr. William Brown, to be sold at public auction, the sail duck and damaged arms now in his possession, and pay the neat proceeds into the hands of the Treasurer of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of repairing of arms, for which sum he is to account.

A petition from Philip Shriner, in behalf of his son-in-law, Frederick Hoffman, convicted of larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions for the county of Lancaster, and sentenced to be publicly whipped, pay a fine of twenty pounds to the use of the State, make restitution of the goods stolen, and stand committed till this sentence be complied with, was read, praying a pardon of the said offence; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Frederick Hoffman be pardoned, so far as respects the said corporal punishment.

The committee of Council appointed to confer with the committee of the Honorable House of General Assembly, upon the place of electing a President and Vice President of this Council, and to adjust the ceremonies necessary to be observed on the occasion, report:

That having conferred with the committee of the Honorable House upon the subject committed to them, it is agreed that the Council will on Wednesday next, at ten o'clock, meet the General Assembly in the Assembly room, (being larger and more convenient for the purpose than the Council chamber,) and there proceed to the election of a President and Vice President, agreeably to the Constitution; that after the said election is finished, the Council and Assembly proceed to the Court House and there make proclamation of the President and Vice President so chosen. And the committee submit to the Council the order of procession.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Nov'r 14, 1781.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Piper.

The Clerk of the Honorable House of General Assembly attended in Council, and informed that the House of Assembly was now ready to proceed to the election of a President and Vice President; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do attend the Honorable House, and inform the House that the Council is now ready to meet the General Assembly in the Assembly room, and proceed to the election of a President and Vice President of the Council.

The Honorable the Vice President and the members of the Council met the General Assembly in the Assembly room; and

thereupon, the Secretary of the Council and the Clerk of the House proceeded to take the votes for President.

And the votes were as follows, vizt:

For William Moore, Esquire,	sixty-four.	
For James Ewing, Esquire,	one,	(one—Vice President.)
For James Potter, Esquire,	one,	do.
For John Lacey, Jr, Esquire,	one,	do.

The Council and General Assembly then proceeded to the choice of a Vice President.

And the votes were as follow, vizt:

For James Potter, Esquire,	thirty-eight.
For James Ewing, Esquire,	twenty-eight.

And thereupon, it was declared that William Moore, Esquire, was then duly elected to be President, and James Potter, Esquire, was then duly elected Vice President. And the following declaration of the said election being read, was signed by his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President, the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, Vice President, and the other members of the Council then present; and the same was also signed by the Honorable Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly, and by the members of the House of General Assembly then present, to wit: By

WILLIAM MOORE, President.
JAMES POTTER, Vice President.

John Bayard,	Joseph Gardner,	Sebastian Levan,
John Lacey, Jun'r,	James Cunningham,	James Ewing,
John Piper.		

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaker.

Samuel Morris, Jun'r,	Joseph McClean,	Gerardus Wynkoop,
Sharp Delany,	George Gray,	James Wilkinson,
John Steinmetz,	Thomas Rees,	Thomas Long,
Samuel Meredith,	Henry Hill,	Charles Kachline,
Matthew Holgate,	George Campbell,	Percifer Frazier,
John Culbertson,	James Mason,	John Bishop,
Thomas Maffits,	James Porter,	Jonas Hartzell,
Evan Evans,	Robert McPherson,	William McFarren,
John Hannums,	Moses McClean,	Peter Kohler,
James Moore,	Michael Simpson,	Robert Lattimer,
Patrick Anderson,	Thomos Lilley,	Jacob Stroud,
John Lindsay,	Michael Hahn,	Bernard Dougherty,
John Whitehill,	Joseph McGoffin,	Charles Cessna,
Jacob Cooke,	James McLene,	William Montgomery,
Abraham Scott,	Robert McGaw,	William Maclay,
James Jacks,	John Allison,	William Cook,
Matthias Slough,	John Montgomery,	Isaac Mason,
William Brown,	Stephen Duncan,	John Proctor.
Jacob Kerug,	Benjamin Weisser,	

The said declaration is in the following words, to wit:

To all people to whom these presents shall come or may concern. The General Assembly and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania send greeting:

Know ye, that we, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, in the State House at Philadelphia, together with the members of the Supreme Executive Council of the same Commonwealth, in the same place convened, to elect a President and Vice President of the said Council, have, agreeably to the direction of the nineteenth section of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, duly and fairly elected and chosen by ballot his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President of the said Supreme Executive Council, and the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, Vice President; and to the end that due regard and obedience may be paid to them in the execution of their respective offices on all occasions, we do hereby make known and declare, that the said William Moore, Esquire, is the President, and the said James Potter, Esquire, is the Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the fourteenth day of November, in the sixth year of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

And the said William Moore, Esquire, is hereby proclaimed to be Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Agreed unanimously, that the said declaration of the election of the President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council be publicly read at the court house in the city of Philadelphia, by the Secretary of the Council; and that the Secretary of the Council do then proclaim the President in the following words, viz:

And the said William Moore, Esquire, is hereby proclaimed to be President of the said Supreme Executive Council, Captain General, and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Agreed, that the order of the procession to the court house be as follows, vizt:

Constables with their staves.
Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.
High Sheriff with his wand.
Coroner with his wand.
Judges of the Supreme Court.
Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

Judge, Register, and Marshal of the Admiralty.
Naval Officer.
Treasurer and Attorney General of the State.
Secretary of the Land Office, Receiver & Surveyor General of the State.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, & Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions.
Clerk of the City Court.
Master of the Rolls and Escheator General.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Doorkeeper of the Council.
Sergeant-at-Arms with the Mace.
The Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly.
Clerk of the House.
Members of the House of Assembly, two and two.
Doorkeeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
General and field officers of the militia.
Citizens.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov'r 15, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Cunningham,	

The Secretary reports that the declaration of the President and Vice President was read at the court house yesterdey, and the President proclaimed, according to order of the Council.

His Excellency William Moore, Esquire, in consequence of his election to that office on Wednesday last, now took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution of the State; and James Potter, Esquire, Vice President, elected to that office on the same day, took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution, as aforesaid.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Mr. Michael Cryder, of the county of Bedford, be appointed Agent of Forfeited Estates in the said county, in the room of John Cannon, Esquire.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Shee, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-five pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for one hundred and fifty days' pay as one of the Auditors of the Public Accounts, to the thirty-first of October last, at thirty shillings per day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Jacob Morris, for one hundred and seventy-five pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for one hundred and seventeen days' pay as one of the Auditors aforesaid.

A petition from Thomas Bond, Jun'r, Purveyor of the Hospital of the United States, in behalf of himself and Doctor Goodwin Wilson, a Physician and Surgeon in the said Hospital, was read, praying this Board to direct the Auditors to settle the depreciation of their pay, agreeably to the act of Assembly entitled "A supplement to the act entitled An Act to amend the act entitled An Act for the more effectual supply and honorable reward of the Pennsylvania troops in the service of the United States of America," and the act entitled "An act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this State in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" whereupon, the said acts being considered,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, so far as respects the said Thomas Bond, Junior.

Like petitions from Bodo Otto, Physician and Surgeon in the said Hospital, and Reading Beatty, Surgeon to the regiment of Artillery late Colonel Proctor's, were read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions be granted.

The petition of John Shergeld, James Sutton, and Anne his wife, and Richard Cooke Shergeld, of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by their Attorney, Charles Cecil, now of the city of Philadelphia, setting forth their claim to a certain lot of ground in the said city, containing in breadth on the east side of Fourth street, from Delaware, between Spruce and Walnut streets, forty-nine feet and a half, and in depth one hundred and ninety-eight feet, appurtenant to the original purchase of Robert Shergeld, alias Sergehill, and praying this Board to direct the Surveyor General to lay out the same accordingly, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General of the State, and that he be directed to make inquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov. 16, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Piper.

The record of the conviction of Mary Hall of burglary, and of the sentence of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery held at Philadelphia, the twenty-fourth day of September last, thereupon, to wit: that she be hanged by the neck till she be dead; being read and considered,

Ordered, That execution of the sentence be had and done on her, the said Mary Hall, on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of the present month, at the usual place of execution, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, and that a warrant to the Sheriff be accordingly issued.

The record of the conviction of James Cannon, James Jones, and James Green, of robbery, and the sentence of the said court thereupon, that they be hanged, each of them, by the neck 'till they be dead; being read and considered,

Ordered, That execution of the said sentence be made and done on Saturday the twenty-fourth day of the present month, at the usual place of execution, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, and that a warrant to the Sheriff be issued accordingly.

The record of the conviction of Augustine Louisson and Jacque Jollibois of manslaughter, and of the sentence of the court thereupon, to wit: that they be severally burned in the brawn of their left thumbs with the letter M, be imprisoned in the common gaol of the county for the space of two months, that they should severally pay a fine of five hundred pounds to the use of the State, give security themselves in the sum of five hundred pounds each, and one good surety in one hundred and fifty pounds for each of them, for their good behaviour during their respective lives, discharge the costs of prosecution, and remain in the Sheriff's custody until the sentence be complied with; being read and considered,

A petition from the said Augustine Louisson and Jacque Jollibois, praying a pardon for the said offence, being also read and considered,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, so far as relates to the fine and imprisonment of their persons.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Nov. 17, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Piper.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, State money emitted by act of Assembly of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line one-third of their depreciation certificates, for which sum the said James Stevenson and John Nicholson are to account.

In favor of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his pay as one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Daniel Wimmeldorf, for the sum of ninety-seven pounds ten shillings, amount of an account for one hundred ream of paper, for printing the laws of Pennsylvania since the Revolution.

In favor of John Hart, Esquire, for the sum of eighteen pounds ten shillings specie, balance of his account for boarding recruits raised in the county of Bucks, for the Pennsylvania line.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Captain Robinson's company of Rangers, (except a Sergeant, one Coporal, and twelve men, who are to be left as a guard at Fort Rice,) do proceed to Lancaster, in order to guard the prisoners there, by the tenth of December next, and to return by the first of March following.

Resolved, That Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees do supply the guard at Fort Rice with rations, at the price agreed on in the contract entered into the third of October last.

Resolved, That Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees do supply Captain Robinson's company of Rangers, and such militia as may be on duty next summer for the protection of the frontiers of Northumberland county, agreeably to contract entered into on the third day of October last, and that the sum of two hundred pounds specie be advanced to the contractors; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Montgomery, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, to be by him paid to Messrs. Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees, of Northumberland county, for the purpose of paying for provisions to be furnished to the troops stationed in the said county, for which the said contractors are to account.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, to wit:

To William Greenaway, for lots No. 784, 785, 786, and 787. Consideration one hundred and one pounds.

To James Brown, for lots No. 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, and 1052. Consideration one hundred and eighty-four pounds.

Which sums the persons above named have severally paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated this day.

Messrs. Joseph Cowperthwaite and John Jones presented to the Board a representation of divers inhabitants and freemen of the county of Philadelphia, complaining and requesting leave to represent and shew, "that divers undue measures had been pursued at the late general election, and calling on this Board to enquire into the truth of their complaints, and praying that upon the said representation being supported, the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia may be set aside, and a new election ordered;" which being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from James Moore, Esquire, of the twelfth instant, was read, praying leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace, in consequence of his being elected one of the Representatives in the General Assembly for the county of Chester; thereupon, on consideration,

Ordered, That the said resignation be accepted.

A memorial from James Carmichael, praying leave to resign his office of Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 19, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Piper.

Dorset Pentecost, Councillor elect for the county of Washington, attended in Council, and took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution, and thereupon took his seat at the Board as a member thereof.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to purchase, in behalf of the State, forty coats, forty waist-coats, forty hats, forty pair of shoes, eighty shirts, forty pair of overalls and twenty-two blankets, for the use of Captain Boyd's company of Rangers, raised in the county of Bedford.

Ordered, That Messrs. Joseph Cowperthwaite and John Jones be requested to attend this Board to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock, upon business of the representation respecting the Philadelphia county election, presented lately by them to this Board.

A petition from Daniel Llewellen, setting forth his right to a city lot between Spruce street and Walnut street, and between the Second and Third street from the river Schuylkill, containing in breadth fifty-one feet and in length two hundred and forty-seven feet and a half, praying that he may be permitted to take possession of the said lot, and also a confirmation of the same by patent, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General of the State, to make inquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Pentecost,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Piper.

Mr. John Byers, Esquire, attended in Council, (being elected Councillor for the county of Cumberland,) and took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution of this State; and thereupon took his seat at this Board as a member thereof.

The Council resumed the consideration of the representation of divers "inhabitants and freemen of the county of Philadelphia, complaining and requesting leave to represent and shew, that divers undue measures had been pursued at the late general election, and calling on this Board to enquire into the truth of their complaints, and praying that upon the said representation being supported, the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia may be set aside, and a new election ordered;" and Joseph Cowperthwaite and John Jones, who presented the same, now attending, being asked some questions tending to obtain information who were the persons alluded to therein, and they declining to give answers thereto, as being unprepared to do so,

Ordered, That the signers of said representation, or some person or persons on their behalf, do, on or before Friday the twenty-third day of November instant, specify to the Council the names of the persons alluded to as having violated the privilege of election; and at the same time also specify the facts on which the general allegations in the said representation are founded, so that all persons concerned may have an opportunity of being heard in the premises on the day which shall be appointed to hear the merits of the said representation.

Ordered, That the aforegoing minute be published, and that a copy thereof be sent to the aforesaid Joseph Cowperthwaite and John Jones.

The following petitions were presented and read, vizt:

The petition of James Jones Gillmore, now under sentence of death, praying pardon. On consideration, unanimously rejected.

The petition of James Green, under sentence of death, praying pardon. On consideration, unanimously rejected.

The petition of Mary Hall, also under sentence of death, praying pardon. On consideration, unanimously rejected.

The petition of Matthew Lukens, convicted of an assault and battery, and fined the sum of twenty pounds, praying remission of the said fine. On consideration, unanimously rejected.

Ordered, That Captain Boyd's company of rangers, raised in Bedford county for the war, do immediately march to Yorktown, there to assist the military prisoners untill the twenty-fifth of February next, and then return; and that the men raised for the term of seven months in the said county be immediately discharged.

In Council.

Philadelphia, Wednesday, Nov'r 21, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Buyers,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Levan,	

The petition of James Cannon, now under sentence of death, and confined in the old gaol, praying a pardon, was read; and on consideration, unanimously rejected.

The petition of Mary Eddy, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and, on consideration, rejected.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain Boys, for the sum of eighty-two pounds one shilling and two pence, in part of pay due to officers and men employed in taking care of Mud Island and Billingsport to the first instant, for which the said Captain Boys is to account.

In favor of Lieutenant Richard Johnston, for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings specie, in part of his pay as Lieutenant of a company of Rangers raised in Bedford county, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

In favor of Jacob Cook, Esquire, for the sum of six pounds eighteen shillings, and two pence specie, amount of his account for pasturing and driving cattle purchased in Lancaster county for the use of the army, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of June, 1780.

In favor of William Smith (appointed to take care of Mud Island and Billingsport,) for fifteen pounds and thirteen shillings, for sundry repairs at said places.

A letter from Ebenezer Hazard, dated the twenty-first of November instant, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the twentieth of July, 1778, recommending to the several States to assist him in making a collection of the various State papers relative to the origin and progress of the several European settlements in North America, and such as relate to the rise and progress of the present war with Great Britain, &c.; whereupon,

Ordered, That the keepers of the public records do admit the said Ebenezer Hazard to inspect such public records as relate to the settlement of this State, and the rise and progress of the present war with Great Britain, and that he be permitted to take copies of such of those papers as he may have occasion for.

A return of an election said to have been held at the house of Ezekiel Roe, in Bethlehem township, in Washington county, for electing Justices of the Peace for said township, was presented and read, and on enquiry it appeared that the said election was not appointed by a Justice of the Peace for the said county, where "a vacancy had happened," the case provided for by law, but in consequence of a neglect to chuse according to the directions of the law; wherefore the said election is void.

The Council, thereupon, proceeded to the choice of a Justice of the Peace for the said township of Bethlehem, agreeably to the directions of the act of Assembly, entitled "A further supplement to the act entitled 'An Act directing the mode and time of electing Justices of the Peace for the city of Philadelphia and the several counties in this Commonwealth, and for other purposes herein mentioned,'" and appointed Thomas Crooks, Esquire; and

Ordered, That he be commissioned accordingly.

A petition from Barnabas Binney, a Physician and Surgeon in the Hospital of the United States, was read, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of October last. On consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted; and that the Auditors be directed to settle his account accordingly.

A petition from Sarah Coombe in behalf of John Coombe, son of the Reverend Thomas Coombe, late of the city of Philadelphia, praying permission for the said John Coombe to go to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov'r 25, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Levan,	

Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Slough and Mr. Montgomery, a committee from the Honorable House of Assembly appointed to confer with the Council on the present mode of assessing and collecting the public taxes, &c., attended in Council. On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Vice President, Doctor Gardner, Mr. Byers and Mr. Cunningham, be a committee to confer with the said Committee, and to report thereupon.

The petition from Samuel Sterett was read, praying allowance for his services as Muster Master of the Militia, and referred to Mr. Vice President and General Lacey to consider and report thereon.

The report of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General of the State, in the case of Joseph Egg, respecting a lot of ground in the city claimed by him, referred to him by order of the fifth instant, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, dated November the twenty-first, 1781, inclosing divers resolves of Congress of the fourteenth of November instant, respecting the controversy subsisting between this Commonwealth and the State of Connecticut, and assigning the fourth Monday in June next for the appearance of this State and Connecticut, by their lawful agents, at the place in which Congress shall be then sitting.

The following is the proceeding of the General Assembly relative to this subject, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, 1781:

WHEREAS, The confederation of the United States is now happily completed, and an opportunity is thereby offered to bring to final settlement the long depending dispute between this State and the State of Connecticut; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Supreme Executive Council to take all necessary and expeditious measures for the consideration and determination of the said dispute, agreeably to the ninth article of the Confederation of the United States.

The Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, presented to the Board the following accounts for his attendance in Council, viz :

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to James Ewing.

For attendance in Council from the twenty-sixth of October to the twenty-second of November, 1781, inclusive, 28 days, a 25s, - - - - - -	£35
To mileage on seventy-eight miles coming to Philadelphia and returning, 156 miles, a 1s, - - -	7 16
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And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, for the sum of forty-two pounds sixteen shillings specie, agreeably to the above account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Loughead, for the sum of five hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia lately called into service, the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the said city and liberties, and to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines and no other.

The Council resumed the consideration of the proclamation of Congress of the twenty-sixth ultimo, recommending to the several States to set apart the thirteenth day of December next, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, and a proclamation being prepared, was read and considered, and ordered to be published, the proclamation is as follows :

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The United States in Congress assembled, by their proclamation bearing date the twenty-sixth day of October last, for the many great and solemn considerations therein mentioned, have recommended to the several States to set apart the thirteenth day of December next to be religiously observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, that all the people may assemble on that day with grateful hearts to celebrate the praises of our Gracious Benefactor; to confess our manifold sins; to offer up our most fervent supplications to the God of all grace, that it may please Him to pardon our offences and incline our hearts for the future to keep all his laws; to comfort and relieve all our brethern who are in distress or captivity; to prosper our husbandmen and give success to all engaged in lawful commerce; to impart wisdom and integrity to our councillors, judgment and fortitude to our officers and soldiers; to protect and prosper our illustrious ally, and favor our united

exertions for the speedy establishment of a safe, honorable and lasting peace; to bless all our seminaries of learning, and cause "the Knowledge of God to cover the earth as the waters cover the "seas:" Wherefore, as well in respect to the said recommendation as from the plain dictates of conscience, publickly to acknowledge the favor and goodness of Divine Providence, and the duty incumbent on us to implore its further protection: We do hereby earnestly recommend to the good people of Pennsylvania accordingly to set apart the said thirteenth day of December next, for the pious purposes expressed the said proclamation; and that they abstain from all labor on that day.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

WILLIAM MOORE, President.

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

A petition from Martha Robbins, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted, on condition that she do not return again during the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov'r 23, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Gen'l Ewing,
Gen'l Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Doct'r Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Byers,	

A committee of the General Assembly attended in Council, and presented the following orders of the House, vizt:

"In General Assembly, November 21st, 1781, A. M.

"*Ordered*, That Mr. Lilley, Mr. M'Lene and Mr. Duncan, be a "committee to obtain information from Council of what specific "supplies have been furnished by this State on account of the "United States, and what supplies are now on hand."

"Same day, P. M.

"*Ordered*, That Mr. Lilley, Mr. M'Lene and Mr. Duncan, the "committee appointed this morning receive information from the "Honorable the Supreme Executive Council, of the annual amount "of the sales of the Province Island and city lots, and confer with "them respecting the propriety of continuing the sale of the said "lots for the present."

And a free conference with the said committee was had, in which the Council freely expressed their opinion in favor of continuing the sale of the said lots; and

Ordered, That the case of specific supplies furnished to the Continent, remain under the consideration of the Board.

This being the day upon which the signers of the representation of divers inhabitants and freemen of the county of Philadelphia, respecting the late general election, or some person or persons on their behalf, were called upon to specify to the Council the names of the persons therein alluded to, and no person or persons appeared in their behalf, nor any return in writing was made thereupon, although the requisition for that purpose was published in several of the newspapers of this city.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to wit:

To Joseph Carson, conveying two pieces or parcels of land situate in the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia; one of them containing two acres three-quarters of an acre and sixteen perches; and the other containing one-quarter of an acre: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Christopher Sower, to the said Joseph Carson, for the sum of two thousand five hundred and sixty pounds old Continental money, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Philadelphia. Deed dated the twentieth of November, 1781.

To do., for two certain pieces or parcels of land contiguous to each other, situate in Germantown township, in the county of Philadelphia; containing six acres and three-quarters of an acre: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as aforesaid, for the sum of one thousand six hundred and ten pounds old Cotinental money, which sum hath been paid as aforesaid. Deed dated the twentieth day of November, 1781.

To Peter Blanchard, for three lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots No. 417, 418 and 419, sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, for the sum of ninety-two pounds.

To Joseph Dean, Esq'r, for 9 city lots, numbered from 392 to 400, sold as aforesaid, for two hundred and fifty-two pounds, and lot No. 378 sold for forty-five pounds.

To do., for lots No. 74, 75, 76 & 77, sold for two hundred and fifty-five pounds. Deeds dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Col. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Gen'l Lacey,	Mr. Hayes,
Doct'r Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost,
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Ewing.

The President laid before the Board a letter signed by Joseph Cowperthwait and John Jones, and dated November the 23d, 1781, which he reports came to his hand yesterday afternoon after the Council had adjourned, and the same was read; by which it appears that they decline to specify to Council the names alluded to in the representation of divers inhabitants and freemen of the county of Philadelphia, or to specify the facts on which the general allegations in the said representations are founded.

The Council resumed the consideration of the cases of James Jones and Mary Hall, ordered for execution this day; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the execution of the sentence against James Jones and Mary Hall, be delayed until Saturday the first day of December next; and a warrant was accordingly issued.

A committee of the General Assembly, appointed by the Honorable House, to confer with the Council upon a bill for the further relief of the frontier counties, intitled "An Act for the relief of the suffering inhabitants of Northampton, Bedford, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Washington counties, and the township of Armagh, in Cumberland county," attend in Council.

The minute of the House expresses "to confer with Council on the subject of the defence of the frontiers, and to bring in additional clauses for that purpose," as appears by a note of the minute not signed; and

A free conference being had, it appeared to be the sentiments of the Council and of the committee, that an additional company is necessary for the defence of Washington county, and to complete the four companies now established, and that it might be proper to make application to Congress for such assistance from the United

States as would render an incursion into the Indian country prudent and practicable.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Samuel Sterett, Esquire, for the sum of seventeen pounds five shillings specie, for twenty-three days' service as Muster Master of the militia of this State.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Joseph Reed, Esquire, William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General of the State, and James Wilson, Esquire, be appointed to appear as Council in behalf of this State, on the fourth Monday of June next, being the day assigned for a hearing of the dispute subsisting between this Commonwealth and the State of Connecticut, at the place in which Congress shall be then sitting.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov'r 26th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Gen'l Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Dr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Levan,	

The petition of Thomas Pixley, praying a pass to go to New York, and from thence to England, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted, on condition that he do not again return.

A letter from Charles Hall, dated Lancaster, November the 23d, 1781.

A letter from Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance, and Richard Peters, of the Board of War, respecting the state of the barracks.

The Committee of General Assembly, appointed to confer with Council on the defence of the frontiers, &c., again attended in Council, and read a draft of a report intended by the said committee to the House, and observations thereon were made by several of the members of the Council.

On consideration of the proposals made by Bernard Dougherty and Charles Cessna, for supplying the Ranging company and militia which may be employed in Bedford county for the defence of the frontiers,

Ordered, That twelve pence per ration be allowed from the first day of March next, so long as the said troops shall keep the field.

The rations to consist of

One pound of bread,
One pound of beef, or ¾ lb. of pork,
One gill of whiskey per day, and
One quart of salt, & Two quarts of vinegar, } To every hundred rations.
Eight pounds of soap, & Three pounds of candles, } To every 7 hundred rations.

The rations to be delivered at such places as the said troops may from time to time be stationed within the county of Bedford, and that seventy-five pounds specie be advanced to the said Contractors.

Several depositions respecting the robbery of several of the Collectors of the county of Chester being read, an essay of a message to the General Assembly was also read, and being amended, was signed, and is as follows, viz:

A message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen:—The daring and too successful attempts which have been lately made to rob the Treasurer of the county of Bucks, and several Collectors of that county and of Chester, are truly alarming. As the proclamation issued by us offering a large reward for apprehending the perpetrators of the robbery committed on the said Treasury has not yet had the desired effect, and the vigilance of the officers of justice has hitherto been eluded in the other instances, should every means in our power prove ineffectual to discover and bring those villians to justice, there is reason to fear that like attempts will be made in other counties of the State, especially as it is but too probable there may yet remain some among us whose disaffection to the present revolution may induce them to countenance or conceal men guilty of such atrocious crimes. We have, therefore, thought fit to lay before the House such depositions as have been given in to us concerning those robberies, in full confidence that you will give attention to a case of so great importance, and make such laws as will deter the disaffected from such mischievous and dangerous measures, and be most likely to prevent a repetition of such enormities.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President*.

In Council,
Phila., Nov. 26, 1781.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 27, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, or his order, for the sum of four hundred pounds specie, to be charged to his account.

The petition of Joseph Morris and Thomas Forrest, respecting a lot of ground claimed in right of Samuel Fox, was read and referred to John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General, to report thereon.

The Council being informed that his Excellency General Washington arrived last evening in this city,

Ordered, That the following address to him be presented, to wit:

To his Excellency George Washington, Esquire, General and Commander-in-Chief of the allied army:

SIR:—Our cordial acknowledgments are ever due to your Excellency for the great and disinterested service you have rendered our common country; but on this occasion we approach you with peculiar pleasure, and can only regret that the common language of congratulation will too imperfectly convey our grateful sense of the late eminent display of your military virtues in the capture of a British General and his whole army. We are at a loss which most to admire, the wisdom of the plan, or the skill and gallantry of the execution, and are too sensible of the important consequences flowing from this great event, to wish to restrain the effusion of gratitude to your Excellency, to our brave and generous allies, and to our gallant countrymen, thus led by their beloved General to victory and to glory.

Our prayer shall ever be that Heaven may distinguish you with its choicest blessings, as the best reward of such great and glorious services.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

IN COUNCIL,
Phil'a., Nov. 27, 1781.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Gen'l Lacey,
Dr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Pentecost.

His Excellency the President reports that the address to his Excellency General Washington, was this morning presented to him, and that his Excellency the General was pleased to make the following reply, to wit:

To his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President of the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania:

SIR:—I consider this very polite address of the Supreme Executive Council as a fresh mark of that attention which I have ever received from them.

My services I consider as my country's due, and when they meet the approbation of my fellow-citizens, I shall ever esteem myself happy in so agreeable a reward.

The late success of the American arms at Yorktown, in Virginia, so vigorously aided by the noble exertions of our generous ally, if properly improved, will, I doubt not, be attended with the happiest consequences.

I must sincerely thank you, sir, for your kind wishes for my personal prosperity, and beg you to be assured that a full establishment of peace, liberty and independence to this and the other United States of America, is the most ardent wish of,

Sir, your most obed't & very h'ble servant,

G'E WASHINGTON.

Application was made for a pass for Mrs. Lawrence, her daughter and three servants, to New York, and also Mr. John and Staats Lawrence to Elizabeth town. On consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mrs. Mary Lawrence, and her daughter Mary Lawrence, to go to New York, not to return during the war, and that a pass be also granted to John Lawrence and Staats Lawrence to go to Elizabeth town.

His Excellency the President laid before the Board a representation on behalf of the people called Quakers, signed by "John Drinker, Clerk," on behalf of a meeting "of the representatives of the said people in Philadelphia, the 22d of 11th mo., 1781."

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Philip Shrawder, or order, for the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds specie, to be paid by him to John Arndt, Esquire, of the county of Northampton, for the purpose of paying the bounty to the men enlisted in the said Shrawder's company of Rangers, for which said sum the said John Arndt is to account.

An order was also drawn in favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, or order, for the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds specie, to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Esquire, of the county of Northumberland, to be applied only in recruiting Captain Robinson's company of Rangers, raised for the defence of the frontiers, and for which said sum Col'l Hunter is to account.

The petition of Daniel Rundle and George Rundle, respecting a still, said to be seized, was read, and rejected.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov'r 29, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Turnbull, for the sum of eleven hundred and ninety-five pounds nineteen shillings and three pence specie, balance of his account for cloathing purchased for the Pennsylvania line.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of the twenty-eighth instant, appointing Mr. Delany, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. James M'Lene, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. William Montgomery, and Mr. Maclay, a Committee of the House to confer with a Committee of the Council, and a Committee of Congress, on the subject of an expedition against the Indians next spring, was received and read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Honorable the Vice President, Mr. Pentecost, Mr. Piper, and Mr. Hayes, be a committee to confer with the said Committee of the House and a Committee of Congress on the said subject.

Mr. McClean, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Maclay, a committee appointed by the Honorable House of Assembly to confer with this Board, and the officers of the Land Office, on the subject of establishing a Board of Property in this State, attended in Council, to-

gether with the Surveyor General, the Secretary, and the Receiver General of the Land Office, and a free conference was had thereupon.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov. 30, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

A petition from Thomas Bay, of Washington county, praying to be reimbursed for sundry expences he has been at in raising twelve volunteers in the Spring of the year 1780, for the defence of the said county, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be presented to the General Assembly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Bernard Dougherty and Charles Cessna, Esquires, for the sum of seventy-five pounds specie, for the purpose of furnishing the Ranging company and militia that may be employed in the county of Bedford, agreeably to contract entered into on the twenty-sixth instant, for which the said contractors are to account.

A return of the general election of the county of Cumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

John Byers,

Representatives.

James McLene,	Robert Magaw,
John Allison,	John Montgomery, and
James Johnson,	Stephen Duncan.
William Brown,	

Sheriffs.

John Boggs, and Samuel Postlethwaite.

Coroners.

William Rippey, and William Holmes.

Commissioner.

John Agnew.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That John Boggs, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Cumberland, and that William Rippey be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

John Boggs, Esquire, Sheriff elect of the county of Cumberland, now offers James Johnson and James Dunlap, Esquires, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of the office of Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved.

A return of the general election of the county of Bedford was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Representatives.

Bernard Dougherty, and Charles Cessna.

Sheriffs.

John Cessna, and John Bennett.

Coroners.

Georg Funk, and John Wilt.

Commissioner.

Robert Galbraith.

And the same being considered,

Resolved, That John Cessna be appointed Sheriff of the county of Bedford, and that George Funk be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

John Cessna, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Bedford, now offers Charles Cessna and Allen Ross, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, and the same are approved.

A return of the general election of the county of Washington, was read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

Dorsey Pentecost.

Representatives.

James Edgar, and John Cannan.

Sheriffs.

Van Swearingen, and Andrew Swearingen.

Coroners.

William McFarlen, and William M'Comb.

Commissioners.

George Valandyham, John McDowell.
Thomas Crooks, and

On consideration,

Resolved, That Van Swearingen, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Washington, and that William McFarlin be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Van Swearingen, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Washington, now offers Andrew Swearingen and Richard Yeates as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff, according to law, and the same are approved.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 1, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Byers,
Mr. Lacey, Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Hayes.
Mr. Levan,

The Council taking into consideration that the reprieve granted on the twenty-fourth ultimo, to James Jones and Mary Hall, now under sentence of death in the old gaol, expires this day,

Resolved, That the said James Jones and Mary Hall be reprieved for the further term of fifteen days from this day.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to permit the following named persons to embark for France in the ship now ready to sail, vizt:

William White, George Murphy, Dennis M'Cue, William Wilson, James Jones, George Crowder, alias Kidd, Thomas Wilkinson, and John Holmes, now in his custody.

WHEREAS, By the instructions given by this Board to the commanding officers of the several companies of Rangers for recruiting the same, dated February 10th, 1781, it was ordered that the sum of nine pounds, State money, bounty, should be paid to the non-commissioned officers and privates; on consideration,

Ordered, That the sum of six pounds specie, be paid to each non-commissioned officer and private instead of the said nine pounds State money.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Clement Biddle, Quarter Master General of the militia of this State, for the sum of five hundred pounds specie, for paying for sundry articles purchased by him for the use of the militia lately called into service under General Lacey, agreeably to order of Congress of the tenth of September last, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Philip Schrawder, for the sum of forty-five pounds specie, on account of his pay as Captain of a Ranging company raised in the county of Northampton, for which he is to account.

A petition from Thomas Forrest, Esquire, setting forth his right to two lots in the city of Philadelphia, appurtenant to the original purchases of Charles Marshall and John Marsh from William Penn, the first proprietary of Pennsylvania, and praying this Board to grant him a hearing touching the same, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General of the State, that he be directed to make enquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec'r 3, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mr. William Levis, for the sum of two hundred and fifty-eight pounds five shillings specie, amount of his account for paper for printing the votes of the House of Assembly.

In favor of Joseph Reed, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, as a retaining fee for his services in a cause now depending between this Commonwealth and the State of Connecticut.

In favor of James Wilson, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, as a retaining fee for his services in the cause aforesaid.

In favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General of the State, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, as a fee for his services in the cause aforesaid.

In favor of the said William Bradford, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, for his services in a cause now depending between this Commonwealth and Baron Hurst and company.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of twenty-six pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence specie, amount of his account for his wages for the month of November, and several articles furnished for the use of the Council.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, one thousand gun flints, to be by him forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the use of the troops stationed in the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Arndt, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds specie, for the purpose of paying the bounties to men enlisted in Capt'n Shrawder's company of Rangers, raised in Northampton county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec'r 4, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Levan.
Mr. Byers,	

A petition from Robert Johnson, a Physician and Surgeon in the hospital of the United States for the southern department, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of October last, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle his account accordingly.

The record of the conviction of negro York, of a rape, and of the sentence of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery held at Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster, the nineteenth day of November last, thereupon, to wit: That he be hanged by the neck till he be dead; being read and considered,

Ordered, That execution of the said sentence be made and done upon him, the said negro York, on Saturday the fifteenth instant,

between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution, and that a warrant be issued accordingly.

A letter from his Excellency John Hanson, Esquire, of the thirty-first ult., inclosing resolutions of the Honorable Congress of the twenty-third, respecting infractions of the laws of nations, and the erection of proper tribunals for punishing them, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Charles Syng, conveying a certain tract of land situate in Earle township, in the county of Lancaster, containing one hundred and sixty-seven acres and allowance: Seized and sold agreeably to law as the estate late of John Rhine, an attainted traitor, to the said Charles Syng, for the sum of twenty-two thousand two hundred pounds, old Continental money, which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the 24th Dec. 1781.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line one third of their depreciation certificates, for which they are to account.

Ordered, That Doctor Gardner and Mr. Bayard be a committee to enquire of the Surveyor General, why the plan of the city lots intended for sale to-morrow was not laid before the Council.

The said committee report that some difficulties had arisen which rendered the advice of Council necessary; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the sale of the city lots advertised to be to-morrow, be postponed till Thursday next, and that public notice thereof be given in the paper of to-morrow.

The depositions of the following named persons, of a robbery said to have been committed on Daniel Pettit, a Collector of the

county of Bucks, were read, vizt: Two of Daniel Pettit, of Martha Pettit, of Joseph Williams, of Francis Gibson, of Hester Heson, and of Jane Jones.

The depositions of the following named persons respecting a robbery said to have been committed on Job Barton, a Collector of the county of Bucks, were read, to wit: Of Job Barton, of Joseph Barton, of Thomas Barton, of Amos Fell, and of Abraham Pugh.

The depositions of the following named persons respecting a robbery said to have been committed on Frederick Taylor, a Collector of the county of Chester, were read, vizt: of Frederick Taylor, Sarah Taylor, William Taylor, and Mary Taylor.

The deposition of John Brown, the Collector of the county of Chester, respecting a robbery said to be committed on him, was read; On consideration,

Ordered, That the foregoing depositions be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Decem'r 6, 1781

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Nevill, for the sum of fifty-one pounds thirteen shillings specie, balance of his account for taking down the part of the State House steeple constructed of wood, and repairing the same agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That William Scott, of Cross Creek, and Andrew Heath be appointed Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Washington.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-three pounds fifteen shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account for twenty-six days' pay as Brigadier General, and James Hanna, A. D. C., and James Bayard, Brigade Inspector, on the late call of militia, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

An order was drawn in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire. for the sum of twelve pounds two shillings specie, amount

of his account for twenty-six days' pay due to him from the State, as Brigadier General, and to James Bayard, and to James Hanna, as aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec'r 7, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

A petition from Francis Hogan, a Physician and Surgeon in the Hospital of the United States, was read, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay; and the said petition being considered,

Resolved, That the same be rejected, it being the opinion of this Board that the petition is not within the meaning of the second section of the act of Assembly passed the first day of October last, he having resigned before the passing of the said act.

A return of Justices for the district composed of the townships of West Fallowfield, Sadsbury, and West Caln, in the county of Chester, was received and read, by which it appears that William Hazlet and Stephen Cochran were duly elected Justices for the said district. On consideration,

Resolved, That William Heslit, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Chester, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The petition of John Cowell, a Surgeon's mate in the Hosptal of the United States, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first of October last, was read; & thereupon,.

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle the same accordingly.

The petition of Thomas Mason, claiming a lot of ground in right of Samuel Allen, original purchaser of two thousand acres of land, and also a lot of ground in right of Thomas Sisons in lieu of a lot heretofore granted by William Penn, Esquire, and afterwards granted by the said William Penn to Joshua Carpenter, and praying Council will be pleased to grant him a lot or piece of ground equal in value to the second described lot, and also direct that the first mentioned lot be laid out; the same being read, was

Ordered, To be sent to the Surveyor General, to examine and report thereon.

A letter from Colonel Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, of the first instant, respecting the guards of militia at Lancaster, was received and read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the eighth class of militia of the county of Lancaster be called into service as guards at the borough of Lancaster, excepting the two battalions of Hanover and Paxton, commanded by Colonel Elder and Colonel Rodgers.

A petition from John R. B. Rodgers, late a Surgeon in the Hospital of the United States, and now Surgeon to the Regiment of the Pennsylvania line, praying this Board to order a settlement of the depreciation of his pay as Surgeon in the said Hospital, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of October last, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle the depreciation, so far as respects his services in the said Hospital.

A return of the following lots of ground was presented to the Board by Robert Smith, Agent of Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia, to wit:—A lot situate on the east side of Water street and to the north of Sassafras street, adjoining a lot now or late of the tenure or possession of John Wiedman and others, in breadth on Water street twenty feet, and extending into the river Delaware, late the estate of John Parrock, in fee simple. A lot situate on the south side of Sassafras street, between Third and Fourth streets, adjoining ground of Rudolph Bunner, John Ellrick and others, extending in front on Sassafras street thirty-six feet, and in depth one hundred and forty feet, late the estate of Richard York, Jonathan Adams or wife. One moiety of a lot on Pine street, between Second and Third streets, on which is erected a brick kitchen, late the estate of Samuel Farlan during his life; and the same being read and considered,

Ordered, That William Rush, Esquire, and Benjamin Harbeson, be appointed to view the first mentioned lot of ground, and the second mentioned lot and building thereon erected, and make return of the value thereof to this Board, according to the best of their skill and judgment, in order that the same may be assigned to the use of the University.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 8, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Byers,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum one of hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money, of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying for supplies purchased for the army, for which sum he is to account,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-six pounds eight shillings and eleven pence specie, for the purpose aforesaid.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for sundry lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, vizt:

To Benjamin Seizas, for lot No. 184. Consideration seventy-five pounds.

To Charles White, for lots No. 248 & 249. Consideration ninety-two pounds.

To Moses Cohen, for lot No. 624. Consideration twenty-four pounds.

To William Guize, for lots No. 776 & 777. Consideration thirty pounds.

To William Milnor, for lots from No. 848 to 862 Consideration three hundred and thirteen pounds.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec'r 10, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Dolby and others, Ringers of Christ Church Bells, for the sum of six pounds specie, for ringing the said bells on the day of rejoicing for the capture of Lord Cornwallis and his army, and the day of the proclamation of the President.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec'r 11, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr Cunningham,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

The case of Jacque Tollibois, convicted of manslaughter, being under consideration of the Board.

Ordered, That the surety required of him be remitted, he leaving the State within one month.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to purchase the following articles of cloathing for the use of Captain Stockly's company of Rangers, raised in the county of Westmoreland, and the company of Rangers to be raised in the county of Washington, for the defence of the Western frontiers, vizt:—For Captain Thomas Stockley's company, fifty coats, ten waistcoats, fifty pair of woollen overalls, fifty hats, sixty shirts, sixty pair of shoes and fifty blankets; and for the company to be raised in Washington county, fifty coats, fifty waistcoats, fifty pair of overalls, fifty hats, one hundred shirts, one hundred pair of shoes and fifty blankets.

The Honorable Dorset Pentecost, Esquire, presented to the Board a state of the accounts of James Marshall, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Washington, agreeably to the nineteenth section of the militia law of this State; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That the said accounts be transmitted to the Auditors of the public accounts.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December the 12th, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

Col'l Bayard and Doctor Gardner, appointed to adjust and settle the accounts of the Hon'ble Mr. Holker, Consul General of France, report that there is due from the State to the said Holker, the sum of twelve thousand two hundred and fifty livres, tournois, which he agrees now to receive in bills of exchange on France to that amount, or hereafter in hard money, at the exchange at the time of payment.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said report be approved and confirmed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Ralston, of Northampton county, for the sum of twenty-four pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for sixteen days' service as one of the Auditors for said county, appointed to settle the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line.

A petition from Amos Wilkinson, in behalf of Mrs. Mary Turner, praying permission for the said Mary Turner to come from New York to Philadelphia to see her friends, was read; and

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed.

The Council taking into consideration the present exhausted state of the public Treasury, and the requisitions of the Honorable Congress upon this State for supplies for the Federal army for the year 1782,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the taxes of the several counties in this State, be called upon to use the utmost possible exertions to cause the several taxes now due, and the fines on delinquent classes, to be collected as soon as possible; that they be informed that it is the determination of Council to shew favor to none who appear to be deficient, but on the contrary, to discharge their duty conscientiously, by levying the fines on all delinquents.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Decem'r 14, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr.

WHEREAS, Information has been made to this Board by Frederick Phile, Esq'r, Naval officer, that the cutter sloop Maestrand, commanded by Captain Philip Kollock, now lying in the river Delaware, near the shore of this Commonwealth, is the property of some subject or subjects of the King of Great Britain, or some other enemy or enemies of these United States, and that she is destined to carry provisions and other articles to the armies of the said King:

And whereas, It hath also been represented that a person duly appointed by the said Naval officer to examine the said vessel, and enquire into the truth of the facts above stated, has been refused admittance; therefore,

Resolved, That Captain Andrew Porter, with a detachment of his company, be authorized and directed to proceed to Mud Island and stop the said sloop; and in case of disobedience of the orders of the said Captain Andrew Porter, that he, the said Captain Porter, be directed to seize and detain the said cutter sloop until examined, according to law.

A petition from Alexander Stewart, late a Surgeon's Mate in the hospital of the United States, and now Surgeon to the Third Pennsylvania Regiment, was read, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay for his services in the said hospital, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of October last.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed, it being the opinion of this Board that the petitioner's case is not within the meaning of the said act of Assembly.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed to deliver to the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, forty coats, forty waistcoats, forty hats, forty pair of shoes, eighty shirts, forty pair of overalls, and twenty-two blankets, to be forwarded to the county of Bedford, for the use of Captain Boyd's company of Rangers raised in the said county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December the 15th, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

A resolve of the General Assembly of this day's date, respecting the accounts of Samuel M'Kee, deceased, was read; and the accounts referred to being also read,

Ordered, That as there are no vouchers for supporting the same, the Council cannot adjust them, and therefore, that they be returned to the petitioner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General of this Commonwealth, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his account to the fifteenth instant, for surveying and furnishing plans of city lots, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees, of Northumberland county, for the sum of fifty-six pounds specie, for paying for provisions furnished to the troops stationed in the said county, agreeably to contract entered into on the third of October last, for which they are to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Marsh, Esquire, for the sum of forty-six pounds fifteen shillings and two pence specie, amount of his account for raising a flag-staff at Market street wharf.

A deed was examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to John Hubley, Esquire, of Lancaster county, for lots No. 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101 and 1102, in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Consideration two hundred and eighty-one pounds. Deed dated this day.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President, to Patrick Robertson, conveying a two story frame tenement and lot of ground situate on the north side of Catharine street, in the district of Southwark; bounded on the south by Catharine street thirteen feet nine inches; on the west by Edward Stiles forty-feet; on the north and east by ground of Anthony Duche: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of John Tolly, for the sum of three thousand four hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to a yearly ground rent of one bushel and seven-tenths of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum the said Patrick Robertson hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia, the remain-

ing one-fourth to be reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the fifteenth instant.

The Honorable Joseph Gardner, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, to wit:

Dr. the State of Pennsylvania to Joseph Gardner.

To attendance in Council from the 22d of April to the 15th of December, 1781, being 238 days, at 25s. per day,	£297 10
Contra. By an order on the State Treasurer,	75
Balance, - - - - - - - - -	£222 10

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Gardner, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-two pounds ten shillings specie, balance of the above account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 17, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost,
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Hayes,	

The Honorable James Cunningham, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, to wit:

Dr. the State of Pensylvania to James Cunningham.

To attendance in Council from the 29th Oct'r to the 17th Dec'r, 1781, inclusive, 50 days a 25s. per day, -	£62 10
To mileage 81 miles, coming to Philadelphia and returning, 162 miles at 1s., - - - - - - -	8 4
	£70 14

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Cunningham, Esquire, for the sum of seventy pounds fourteen shillings specie, amount of the above account.

A letter from his Excellency John Hanson, Esquire, President of Congress, dated the twelfth instant, inclosing the resolves of

Congress of December 10, 1781, respecting the raising the quota of troops of this State for the Federal army, and the resolve of Congress of the 11th of December, 1781, requiring a return of the number of the white inhabitants of this State.

Ordered, That the said letter and resolutions of Congress be laid before the General Assembly,

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition against the late election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the time limited by the order of Council of the 20th of November for specifying to this Board the names of the persons alluded to, and the facts on which the general allegations contained in the said petition are founded, be further extended to Saturday the twenty-second day of December instant, and that, if the same are not specified by that day, the said petition be dismissed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Clark, for the sum of eighteen pounds two shillings and six pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, amount of his account for boarding sundry recruits raised in the county of Lancaster.

A petition from Richard Murthwaite, late Sergeant in the Invalid regiment, convicted at a Court Martial, of defrauding the State of money intrusted to his care for the purpose of recruiting, and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of ten pounds, &c., was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec'r 18, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Cunningham, (this day went
Mr. Piper,	home.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General of the State, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, in part of his account to the fifteenth instant, for surveying and laying out city lots, sold agreeable to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of the 29th of April, 1780, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, balance of his account for the pay of himself and the men employed in taking care of Mud Island and Billingsport, to the first of November last.

A petition from William Semple, praying permission for his brother, Alexander Semple, to come from New York to Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon.

Resolved, That the said permission be granted to the said Alexander Semple, he taking the oath of allegiance to the State on his arrival here, that permission be granted to William Semple to go to Elizabethtown.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messrs. James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, State money emitted by act of Assembly passed the 7th of April, 1781, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line one-third of third of their depreciation certificates, for which the said Auditors are to account.

A letter from John Connor, Esquire, of the tenth instant, inclosing his commission of sub-lieutenant of the county of Washington, & praying this Board to accept his resignation thereof, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the same be accepted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec'r 19, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds specie, for the purpose of repairing arms, and purchasing lead for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Honorable John Van Campen,

Esquire, five hundred weight of lead, and two hundred and fifty weight of gunpowder, to be forwarded to Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

Ordered, That the said Commissary deliver to the Honourable James Potter, Esquire, three hundred and fifty weight of gunpowder, and seven hundred weight of lead, to be forwarded to Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

Ordered, That the said Commissary deliver to the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, or his order, three hundred and fifty weight of gunpowder, seven hundred weight of lead, and eight hundred flints, to be forwarded to Colonel George Ashman, Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

Ordered, That the said Commissary deliver to the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, four hundred weight of gunpowder, and eight hundred weight of lead, and one thousand flints, to be forwarded to Colonel Edward Cook, Sub-lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

Ordered, That the said Commissary be directed to deliver to the Honorable Dorset Pentecost, Esquire, five hundred weight of gunpowder, one thousand weight of lead, and one thousand flints, to be forwarded to Colonel James Marshall, Lieutenant of the county of Washington, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

A petition from John Stille, praying permission for Edward York, (a lad of about twleve years of age,) to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon, on consideration,

Resolved, That the said permission be granted

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Dec'r 20, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

Resolved, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, State Treasurer, do set apart the sum of two thousand seven hundred pounds specie,

for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line; and as any part of the above sum is expended in said service, that it be replaced out of the first money coming into the Treasury, so as always to keep the sum of one thousand five hundred and fifty pounds for the recruiting service.

A return of the stores at Billingsport, signed by William Smith, being now made,

Ordered, That Captain Nathan Boys be discharged from the State service; that the Council are sensible of his merit as an officer, and think it proper to declair their approbation of his conduct during the time he has been in the public service, and to assure him that they discharge him because the service in which he was engaged is at an end, and for no other cause.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for the sum of three pounds specie, and the sum of nineteen pounds specie, being money advanced by him for the carriage of Captain Boyd's company of Rangers in Bedford county, and for the carriage of powder and lead for the counties of Bedford, Westmoreland and Washington.

The Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to John Lacey, Jun'r.

To his attendance in Council from the 1st to the 4th of April, 1781, 4 days, a 25s per day, inclusive, State money, - -	£5	
From the 5th of April to the 22nd of Sept'r, 1781, specie, inclusive, 171 days, a 25s. per day, - -	£213	15
From the 16th of October to the 20th of Dec'r, 1781, 66 days a 25s., - - - - - - - - -	76	10
	£290	5
Contra,		
1781. Dec'r 19. By cash received at several times, -	170	
Balance, - - - - - - - - - -	£120	5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of five pounds, State money of seventh of April, 1781, and the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds five shillings specie, agreeably to the above account.

The Honorable James Potter, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, to wit:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania in account with James Potter, Esquire.

To attendance in Council from the first to the fourth of April, 1781, inclusive, 4 days, a 25s., State money, - - -	£5	

To do., from the 2nd of Oct'r to the 14th of November, 1781, 43 days, at 25s., specie, - - - - - £53 15
To mileage, 170 miles, a 1s., - - - - - - 8 10

£62 5
Contra. By cash rece'd of David Rittenhouse, - 50

Balance, specie, - - - - - - - - - £12 5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of five pounds, State money, of the seventh of April, 1781, and the sum of twelve pounds five shillings specie, agreeably to the said account.

The Honorable John Piper, Esquire, presented to the Board his account for 38 days' attendance in Council, from the 13th of November to the 20th of Dec'r, 1781, inclusive, a 25s., - - £47 10
Mileage from Bedford to Philadelphia, 200 miles, a 1s., - - 10

£57 10

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for the sum of fifty-seven pounds ten shillings specie, amount of the said account.

The Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, presented to the Board an account for his pay as a member of this Board, 69 days, from the 13th of October to the 20th of December, 1781, a 25s., £86 5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-six pounds five shillings specie, amount of the said account.

The Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, presented to the Board his account for 31 days' attendance in Council, from the nineteenth of November to the twentieth of December instant, a 25s. per day, - - - - - - - - - £38 15
Mileage, 350 miles, coming from Washington county, a 1s., 17 10

Balance specie, - - - - - - - - - £56 5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for the sum of fifty-six pounds five shillings specie, amount of the said account.

The Honorable John Byers, Esquire, presented to the Board his account for 31 days' attendance in Council, from the twentieth of November to the twentieth of December, 1781, a 25s. per day, - - - - - - - - - £38 15
Mileage 125 miles, a 1s., - - - - - - 6 5

Specie, - - - - - - - - - - £45

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Byers, Esquire, for the sum of forty-five pounds specie, amount of the said account.

The Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, presented to the Board his account for 28 days' attendance in Council, from the 23d of November to the 20th of Dec'r, 1781, a 25s, per day, £35
Mileage, 310 miles, coming from Westmoreland county, a 1s., 15

Specie, - - - - - - - - - - £50

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, amount of the said account.

The Council being informed that the frigate Hermione, belonging to His Most Christian Majesty, is nearly ready to sail from the Chesapeake Bay, but that she is in wants of hands; on consideration,

Ordered, That the fines of the following named persons now in the gaol of the city of Philadelphia, be remitted, on consideration that they enter on board the said frigate, to wit: Brian Doran, Alexander McDonald, Cornelius Elderton, Alexander Stewart, Simon Barnes, Thomas Browne and Reuben Parker, and that the Sheriff of the said city and county do release them upon their entering accordingly; that Henry McKeever be also released from his confinement, on his entering on board the said frigate.

Petitions from Thomas Prudden and Andrew Caldwell, mates in the General Hospital of the United States; Gustavus Henderson, Apothecarie's mate in the said hospital; and Alexander McCaraken, a Commissary in the said hospital, praying a settlement of the depreciation of their pay, agreeably to act of Assembly, passed the first day of October last, were read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petitions be dismissed, it being the opinion of this Board that the said persons do not come within the meaning of the said act of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December the twenty-first, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

A paper, signed by Nathaniel Falconer, Joseph Cowperthwaite, and Jacob Howell, purporting to specify the persons alluded to, and the facts on which the general allegations contained in the pe-

tition against the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia being received and read, it was observed that it was deficient in the form, so far as not to be properly before the Board.

Ordered, That the Secretary request that they, the said signers, or one of them, attend in the Council Chamber as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec'r 22d, 1781.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

A letter from his Excellency John Hanson, Esquire, President of Congress, dated the 17th of Dec'r instant, inclosing an ordinance of Congress, ascertaining what captures on water shall be lawful; and the same being read,

Ordered, That the same be immediately laid before the General Assembly.

The Secretary laid before the Board a return of the servants in the service of Robert R. Livingston, Esquire, Secretary of the United States for Foreign affairs, in the following words, vizt:

"Negro men slaves, negro women slaves, in the service of Mr. Robert R. Livingston, Secretary of the United States for Foreign affairs.

"PHILADELPHIA, December the 12, 1781.

"Sharp, Cato, George, Judith, Mary, Grace, one white man servant, namely, Patrick Lemon.

ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON."

WHEREAS, By an order of this Board of the fourteenth instant, a petition from Alexander Stuart, late Surgeon in the Hospital of the United States, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, was rejected, as not being within the meaning of the act of Assembly passed the first of October last; and the said Alexander Stuart having since produced to the Board sundry papers in support of the said petition, by which it appears that he is entitled to the benefits of the said act of Assembly; therefore,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle the said depreciation, anything in the order of this Board of the fourteenth instant to the contrary notwithstanding.

A memorial from Christian Wirtz, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Lancaster, setting forth that the commissions allowed him were greatly inadequate to the trouble and

expence he has been at in performing the duties of the said office, and praying some relief from this Board, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the General Assembly, the Council having no power but by a resolve of the House, in opposition to the law and the House, now sitting.

A petition from Nicholas Miller, of the county of Lancaster, praying remission of his fine for not performing his tour of militia duty, was read; and on consideration the same was dismissed.

WHEREAS, This Council have heretofore appointed Archibald Lochry, Esquire, of the county of Westmoreland, to be Prothonotary of the said county, and commissioned him accordingly:

And whereas, The said Archibald Lochry is said to be deceased, or made captive by the Indians: On consideration,

Resolved, That the said appointment and commission be superseded, and made null and void, anything in the said commission contained to the contrary hereof, in anywise notwithstanding.

The Council took into consideration a plan for recruiting the Pennsylvania line; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the sum of nine pounds specie be paid as a bounty to each able-bodied recruit who shall enlist to serve during the war, the bounty to be paid in the presence of the Justice of the Peace before whom the same shall be attested; that to avoid the difficulties of settling the expences of recruiting parties, the sum of sixteen dollars specie be allowed for each able-bodied recruit, in lieu of subsistence money, for the recruit, the expence of recruiting parties, gratuity to the office, and all other expences; that the aforesaid bounty and allowance, in lieu of all other expences, be allowed in the recruiting officer's account, for each recruit passing muster, which he shall deliver at a place of rendezvous, and for which recruit he shall produce to the Superintendent of the recruiting service, the receipt of the commanding officer at the place of rendezvous, a receipt for the bounty, signed by the recruit, a certificate of his attestation, signed by a Justice of the Peace, and a certificate signed by the same Justice, of the payment of the bounty in his presence, and for no other, on any pretence whatever.

That the towns of Newtown, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Carlisle, be appointed the places of rendezvous, at each of which rations are issued by the Continent.

That Colonel Richard Humpton be appointed Superintendant of the recruiting service, and that all monies appropriated to that service be paid into his hands, and for which he is to account.

That Colonel Richard Humpton do appoint the officers for the recruiting service, assign to them their respective districts, and from time to time advance them such sums of money as he shall judge necessary, not exceeding the bounty and expence of eight recruits in the hands of any officer at one time, except only in

such instances as he may judge absolutely necessary; and he shall also appoint the officers to reside at the several places of rendezvous.

That Colonel Richard Humpton make returns to the Council monthly of the state of the recruiting service.

That the certificate to be given by the Justice of the Peace shall be in the form following, to wit:

I certify, that of the regiment has inlisted as a soldier, to serve during the war, and has paid him in my presence a bounty of nine pounds in specie. Witness my hand, this day of 178 .

That the form of enlistment, receipt, and attestation, be as follows, to wit:

I, do acknowledge myself to be fairly and truly inlisted in the service of the United States, in the regiment of the Pennsylvania line during the present war. In witness whereof I have set my hand, this day Anno Domini, 178 .

Witness—

Received of the State of Pennsylvania, by the hands of the sum of nine pounds in specie, being the bounty for my enlistment to serve during the war. Witness my hand, this day of A. D. 178 .

I do swear that I am not a deserter from the British army or from the army or navy of the United States; that I renounce, refuse & abjure any allegiance to the King of Great Britain, his heirs or successors; and that I will faithfully serve them in the Pennsylvania line during the present war; and I will be obedient to the orders of Congress, and the officers by them set over me, according to the Continental articles of war, and the establishment of the corps in which I am now enlisted. So help me God.

Sworn before me this day of 178 .

That no British deserter nor soldier now belonging to any regiment, troop or company in the service of the United States, be enlisted on any pretence whatever.

That each recruit be carefully examined before he be paid the bounty-money, to see that he has no rupture, lameness, or disorder, that may render him incapable of doing soldiers' duty, as the recruiting officer will not be allowed the bounty and expence for such as do not pass muster.

That the sum of two thousand and seven hundred pounds be now paid into the hands of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the recruiting service, and that upon a return being made by him of one hundred recruits delivered at the places of rendezvous, the further sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty pounds be paid to him, and so on for every hundred recruits, so long as the service may require it.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec'r 24, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES POTTER, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Pentecost.

The Council resumed the consideration of the proposals of Michael Hooffnagle, for supplying the militia and rangers of Westmoreland county; and thereupon,

Agreed to pay him eleven pence half-penny per ration in specie, for the rations delivered at Hanna's town and Ligonier, and twelve pence per ration for the rations delivered at Rook's blockhouse: The Lieutenant or Sub-Lieutenant of the county, countersigning the orders of the officers, to be vouchers for settlement; Mr. Hooffnagle's accounts to be settled once in every three months. Provisions taken by the enemy having escort, which is to be granted by the Lieutenant of the county on application of the contractor, shall be paid for as rations issued, and if any magazine shall be taken by the enemy, the same shall be paid for in like manner, the contractor producing proper vouchers in both cases of the quantity so taken; and that the Council will give their draft on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred pounds in specie, to be paid to Mr. Hooffnagle by the county Treasurer of Westmoreland.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Michael Hooffnagle, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for paying for provisions to be purchased by him for the troops stationed in Westmoreland county for the defence of the frontiers, agreeably to contract entered into this day, for which sum he is to account.

A petition from Barbara Young, praying a pass to go to the city of New York, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to her, on condition that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

The petition of Doctor John Duffield, Surgeon's Mate in the Hospital of the United States, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of October last, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle his depreciation accordingly.

A return of the general election of the county of Westmoreland was read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives—Isaac Meason, John Proctor and John Carnahan.

Sheriffs—Matthew Jack and Moses Watson.
Coroners—Michael Rough and William Jack.
Commissioner—Joseph McGary.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Matthew Jack, Esq'r, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland; and that Michael Rough be appointed Coroner of the said county; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Matthew Jack, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Westmoreland, now offers the Honorable Christopher Hayes and John Proctor, Esquires, of the said county, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of Sheriff for the said county according to law.

The Council took into consideration the appointing a Prothonotary, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions and Orphans' Court, and also a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Westmoreland, in the room of Archibald Lochry, Esquire, superseded; and Michael Huffnagle and James Kinkead, being recommended to the Board as proper persons to hold the said offices, the said gentlemen were ballotted for, when Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, was unanimously elected; whereupon,

Resolved, That Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, be appointed Prothonotary, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions and Orphan's Court, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Westmoreland, in the room of the said Archibald Lochry, and that commissions be made out accordingly.

The Council took into consideration the appointment of Sub-lieutenants for the county of Washington, agreeably to the militia law of this State; and William McCleiry, William Parker, George Vallandigham and Matthew Ritchie being recommended; on consideration,

Resolved, That William McCleiry, William Parker, George Vallandigham and Matthew Ritchie, be appointed Sub-lieutenants of the county of Washington, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec'r 26, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Byers,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Bayard.

A petition from Matthew Maus, Surgeon to the Invalid Regiment, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first day of October last, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle the said depreciation accordingly.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for sundry lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots, viz:

To Francis Shields, for lots marked from No. 592 to 601. Consideration three hundred and ninety-seven pounds.

To do., for lots marked from No. 1135 to 1142. Consideration two hundred and forty-three pounds.

To James Stewart, for lots marked from No. 1171 to 1178. Consideration three hundred and twelve pounds

To ditto, do. for 1351 to 1356. Consideration two hundred and eighty-seven pounds.

To George Cooper, for lots No. 470 and 471. Consideration one hundred and twenty-nine pounds.

To ditto, for lots marked from No. 1093 to 1097. Consideration three hundred and eight pounds.

Which sums the said persons have paid into the hands of Mr. David Rittenhouse, State Treasurer, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the twenty-sixth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Dec'r 27, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Pentecost.

The Council taking into consideration the appointing officers for the ranging company for the county of Washington,

Resolved, That John Hughes, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned to be captain of a company of Rangers to be raised in the county of Washington; and that Gabriel Peterson be appointed Lieutenant, and James Morrison Ensign of the said company, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec'r 28, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer on favor of his Excellency the President, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

The form of the specification of persons and facts alluded to in the petition against the election of a Councillor of the county of Philadelphia, being amended in the address, was again read:

Whereupon, Colonel Bayard, the Councillor returned for the said county, requested leave to decline voting on any question which should arise upon the said petition; and the request was granted accordingly.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the petitioners be heard by a committee of Council: that the Honorable the Vice President, Doctor Gardner, and Mr. Pentecost, be the said committee; that they be authorized and directed to hear the evidence, and report the facts to the Council, for their consideration and determination thereupon; that Thursday, the third day of January next, be appointed to hear the petitioners, at the State house in Philadelphia, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Colonel Bayard, in the name and behalf of the county of Philadelphia, prayed that the county may be heard, by their counsel, in support of the return of the election of a Councillor for the said county in October last; and, on consideration,

Ordered, That the county of Philadelphia be accordingly heard by their Council.

Ordered, That public notice be given that the petitioners against the late election of a Councillor for the said county of Philadelphia, will be heard by a committee of the Council, at the State house in Philadelphia, on Thursday, the third of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon; at which time and place the said county, by their counsel, and the several persons charged in the specification of persons and facts alluded to in the said petition, will also be heard.

Mr. Hill and Mr. S. Morris, a committee of the Honorable House of Assembly, attended in Council, and requested a conference with the Board respecting the office of Auctioneer for the city and liberties of Philadelphia; and a free conference was had thereupon.

A petition from Mrs. Sarah Tricket, praying a pass to go into the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a pass be granted, on condition that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

A petition from praying a pass to go to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be granted.

Council having received information that John Connelly, an officer in the British service, is now in this city: On consideration,

Resolved, That a warrant be issued for apprehending and bringing before this Board forthwith the said John Connelly, for examination.

John Connelly being brought before this Board and examined, it appears that he has violated a parole given in the State of Virginia, and come into this State without permission.

Resolved, That the said John Connelly be committed to the common gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, and there safely kept, until delivered by due course of law, he being a person whose going at large is dangerous to the public welfare and safety.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec'r 29, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Proctor and Isaac Meason, Esquires, for the sum of five hundred pounds specie, to be forwarded to Brigadier General Irvine, for the purpose of recruiting the regiment stationed at Fort Pitt for the defence of the western frontiers, for which he is to account.

A petition from William Peeland and Margaret his wife, convicted at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, of having kept a disorderly house, and sentenced by the said court (among other things) each to pay to the use of the State a fine of one hundred pounds, and that the said William Peal stand committed for the space of three months, and until the residue of the sentence be complied with, was read, praying remission of one-half of the fines aforesaid, and the residue of the said term of imprisonment: On consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

On consideration of the proposals made by John Cannon, Esquire, for supplying the militia and Rangers of the county of Washinton which may be employed for the defence of the frontiers of said county,

Ordered, That twelve pence per ration, in specie, be allowed for the rations delivered at such places as the said troops may from time to time be stationed, within the said county of Washington.

The rations to consist of

One pound of bread. One pound of beef, or ¾ths pound of pork. One gill of whiskey per day, and One quart of salt, and Two quarts of vinegar.	To every hundred rations.
Eight pounds of soap, and Three pounds of candles.	To every seven hundred rations.

And that the sum of fifty pounds specie be advanced to the said contractor.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Decem'r 31, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Hayes.

The Board took into consideration the case of Augustine Louisson, now confined in the old gaol; and thereupon,

Resolved, That he be discharged from confinement, on paying his fees.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, for the purpose of paying sundry persons employed in making up cloathing for the Pennsylvania Rangers, for which he is to account.

The petition of George Clift, convicted of treason, and sentenced to be hanged, praying pardon, was read, and several recommendations were also read, to wit: one from the Honorable the Chief Justice, one signed by the jury by whom he was convicted, and one signed by several citizens of Bucks county, recommending the said Clift to the mercy of Council.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the said George Clift be pardoned, on condition that he enlist in the Pennsylvania line, to serve during the war, without bounty, and not to draw any of the State emoluments at the end of the war, of any kind whatsoever.

James Lewis was brought before the Council in character of servant to Lieutenant Colonel John Connelly; and on examination, it appears from his own confession, that he was, and now is, a soldier in the regiment of Royal Foresters, and had been a soldier in the Continental army.

Ordered, That he be committed to the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia.

Mr. Vice President, one of the committee of Council appointed to hear the petitioners and parties on the election of the county of Philadelphia, praying leave of absence, Mr. Byers is appointed to serve in the said committee in his room and stead.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 2nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES POTTER, Esquire, Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

The return of William Rush and Benjamin Harbeson, appointed by order of Council of the seventh of last month to view and make return of the value of several estates, in order that the same may be assigned to the use of the University, was read; by which return it appears that the value of the lot of ground late the estate of John Parrock, on the east side of Water street and to the north of Sassafras street, adjoining a lot now or late in the tenure of John Weidman and others, in breadth on Water street twenty feet, and extending into the river Delaware, with privilege of a cartway across the said adjoining lot into Sassafras street, is of the value of five hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania; and that the lot late the estate of Richard Yorke and Jonathan Adams, or wife, situate between Third and Fourth street, adjoining ground of Rudolph Bunner, John Elluche, and others, extending in front on Sassafras street thirty-six feet, and in depth one hundred and forty feet, on which is erected a three story brick messuage and kitchen, with a frame stable, subject to a ground rent of four pounds eighteen shillings and six pence sterling, of which it is said there are eight years' rent due, is of the value of seven hundred pounds of like money, the incumbrances thereon notwithstanding; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the aforesaid two estates be assigned to the University of the State of Pennsylvania, that they be now delivered to the trustees, and that the said Institution be charged therewith according to the aforesaid valuation on the estimation of estates so assigned, agreeably to the act of General Assembly directing the same.

NOTE.—This estate, returned by the Agent as sold to Captain D. Zeigler, but the terms of sale not complied with. On examination, it appears that the Agent is mistaken; that the terms were complied with, and deed executed accordingly.—See entry of the tenth instant.

Major General Lincoln, Minister of the War Department, informs the Council that General Hazen's regiment is appointed to guard the prisoners in the counties of Lancaster, Berks, and York; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the counties of Lancaster, Berks, and York, respectively, do discharge the militia now in duty as guards over the prisoners, so soon as the said Continental troops shall take charge of the prisoners in those counties.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of twenty-one pounds seventeen shillings and three pence specie, amount of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper from the first to the twenty-seventh day of December, 1781, and sundry articles purchased for the use of the Council.

In favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of forty-five pounds specie, for the purpose of paying three months' pay to Captain Thomas Robinson's company of Northern Rangers.

In favor of Lieutenant Van Campen, of Captain Thomas Robinson's company of Rangers in Northumberland county, for the sum of thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings specie, in part of his pay, for which he is to account.

In favor of Henry Osborne, Esquire, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, for paying expences in searching records respecting forfeited estates. for which he is to account.

In favor of William M'Calla, Esquire, of the county of Bucks, for the sum of forty-eight pounds and six pence specie, balance of his account for cattle purchased for the militia lately called into service under General Lacey.

In favor of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of fourteen pounds three shillings and seven pence specie, balance of his account to the twentieth of December last.

In favor of his Excellency the President, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 3rd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Penticost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of salary as Attorney General of the State, for which he is to account.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, and sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, to wit:

To Richard Whitehead, for six city lots numbered from 1423 to 1428 inclusive. Consideration two hundred and twenty-five pounds.

To Haym Solomon, for lots number 489 and 490. Consideration one hundred and five pounds; which sums they have paid into the hands of the Treasurer. Deeds dated the third day of January, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January the 4th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable	Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
	Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
	Mr. Byers,	Mr. Penticost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster, for the sum of seven hundred and thirty-one pounds three shillings and six pence specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, lately called into service as guards, for which he is to account, the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant, and to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines.

A petition from Mr. Assheton Humphreys, praying to be appointed a Notary Public for this State, was read; and on consideration, the same was rejected.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January the 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Penticost.

A petition from James Wallace was read, setting forth that he is entitled to a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, situate on the north side of Mulberry street, between Seventh and Eighth streets; containing in breadth on Mulberry street ninety-nine feet, and in length or depth three hundred and six feet, bounded southward by Mulberry street; westward by ground formerly of one Shepherd, and now of the heirs of John Church, deceased; northward by the end of Sassafras street lots; and eastward by ground formerly of Anthony Morris, deceased, but now of David Rittenhouse, in right of James Steel, and praying that the Attorney General may be directed to receive a declaration in ejectment for the premises, so that the same may be brought to trial. On consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and the Attorney General directed to receive a declaration in ejectment for the premises, agreeably to the late act of Assembly.

The petition of Sarah Kennedy, praying a settlement of the depreciation of the pay of her late husband, Doctor Samuel Kennedy, as a senior Surgeon in the hospital of the United States, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first of October last, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed, it being the opinion of the Board that her case is not within the meaning of the said act of Assembly.

The Council took into consideration the appointment of a Lieutenant for the county of Westmoreland, in the room of Archibald Lochry, Esquire, deceased, and Edward Cooke, Esquire, Sub-lieutenant of the said county, being recommended to the Board as a proper person for said office; thereupon,

Resolved, That Edward Cooke, Esquire, be appointed Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland in the room of Archibald Lochry, Esquire, deceased, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

Resolved, That Alexander M'Clean, Esquire, be appointed a Sub-lieutenant of the said county of Westmoreland, in the room of the said Edward Cooke, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

Resolved, That John Hughes be appointed Captain, Gabriel Peterson, Lieutenant, and James Morrison, Ensign, of the company of Rangers to be raised in the county of Washington for the defence of the frontiers

The Board taking into consideration the recruiting the Ranging companies in the counties of Bedford, Westmoreland and Washington.

On consideration,

Resolved, That a sum of two hundred and fifty pounds specie, be paid into the hands of David Espy, Esquire, and by him delivered to Lieutenant William Johnston and Ensign Hugh Means, for the purpose of recruiting the company of Rangers in the county of Bedford.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds be paid into the hands of Colonel Edward Cooke, Lieutenant of Westmoreland county, to be delivered to Lieutenant John Cummings and Ensign William Cooper, for the purpose of recruiting the company of Rangers in the county of Westmoreland.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds specie be paid into the hands of Henry Taylor, Esquire, to be by him delivered out to Captain William Rice, Lieutenant Peterson, and Ensign Morrisson, for the purpose of recruiting the company of Rangers for the county of Washington.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January the 7th, 1782.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Penticost.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of George Clymer, for the sum of four hundred and ninety-five pounds specie, in full for his pay as a delegate in Congress for this State, to the twenty-third of November last.

In favour of Mr. Francis Lee, for the sum of thirty-six pounds two shillings and nine pence specie, amount of his account for sundry expenses of the officers of militia the last brigade day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January the 8th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers.

A petition from Goodwin Wilson, a Physician and Surgeon in the Hospital of the United States, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the first of October last, was read: and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Auditors be directed to settle the depreciation of the pay of the said Goodwin Wilson, to commence from the time of his appointment as junior Surgeon in the said hospital: provided, he produce to the said Auditors, warrants of his several appointments.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Francis Wade, for the sum of seventy-eight pounds five shillings and seven pence specie, balance of his account for rations furnished to the State fleet in the years 1776 and 1777.

The Council taking into consideration the exposed situation of the frontiers counties, the probability of invasions of them by parties of Indians, and the impossibility of obtaining particular orders from the Council, for calling out in due time the militia of the said counties in such cases,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the counties of Northampton, Northumberland, Bedford, Westmoreland and Washington, respectively, be authorized & empowered to call out such and so many militia, according to law, as they may judge necessary for repelling the enemy.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 9th, 1781.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Hayes, Mr. Byers.
Mr. Piper,

A petition from Catharine Likens, praying a pass to New York, was read; and

On consideration, the same was rejected, so far as respects permission to go to New York, but that a pass be granted to Elizabethtown.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, of the sixth instant, was read, inclosing acts of Congress of the second and third instant, recommending to the several States to pass acts for the seizure and condemnation of all goods, wares and merchandizes of the growth, produce, or manufacture of Great Britain, or any territory depending thereon, which shall be found on land within their respective jurisdictions, unless the same shall have been imported before the first day of March, 1782, or shall have been captured from the enemy; and also, recommending to this State to settle the balance of pay and depreciation due to Doctors Glentworth, W. Smith, J. Fallon, S. Duffield and S. Halling, late Physicians and Surgeons in the general hospital, on the same principles they settled with the other Physicians and Surgeons of the army, citizens of that State; on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly at their next sitting.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of David C Claypole, for the sum of two pounds, amount of his account for one ream of writing paper for the use of the Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January the 10th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Penticost.

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Rush, Esquire, and Mr. Benjamin Harbeson, be requested to view the house and lot of ground situate in Water street, between Market and Arch street, late the estate of Mathias Aspden, an attainted traitor, and now in the tenue of Stacey Hepburn, and make return of the value thereof to this Board, according to the best of their skill and judgment, in order that the same may be assigned to the use of the University of this State.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Captain David Zeigler, conveying a certain lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of Water street, between Sassafras street and Vine street, adjoining ground of John Weidman to the south, and on the north by ground of ; containing in breadth twenty feet, and extending in depth into the river Delaware as far as low water mark, with the privilege of a passage or cartway

across the adjoining lot on the south into Sassafras street: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of John Parrock, an attainted traitor, to the said David Zeigler, for the sum of one thousand five hundred and fifteen pounds, subject to the yearly rent of forty-five bushels and nine-twentieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum he hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates, in the city of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth reserved as aforesaid. Deed dated the tenth of January, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January the 11th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Penticost,	Mr. Byers.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, viz:

To John Osman, for lots No. 1163 and 1164. Consideration eighty-one pounds.

To William Milnor, for six ditto, numbered from 1053 to 1058. Consideration one hundred and eighty-eight pounds.

To John Wilson, for lot No. 733. Consideration thirty-one pounds.

To ditto, for lot No. 347. Consideration sixty-five pounds.

To Mary Brown, for four lots, numbered from 1473 to 1476.—Consideration one hundred and thirteen pounds.

To ditto, for lot No. 1336. Consideration thirty pounds.

To Peter Ozeas, for lot No. 1006. Consideration fifty pounds.

To John Mason, for lot No. 1343. Consideration forty pounds.

To Leonard Jacobie, for lots number'd from 1316 to 1321.—Consideration one hundred and ninety-eight pounds.

To Edward Evans, for lot No. 416. Consideration twenty pounds.

Which several sums the persons above mentioned have paid into the hands of David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, as appears by his receipts.

Deeds dated the eleventh day of January, in the year 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 12th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Penticost.

A letter from David Sullivan, confined in the gaol of the county of Lancaster, praying some relief from the Board with respect to the imprisonment of his person, was read; and on consideration, the same was dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper.
Mr. Penticost,	

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying sundry lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the tenth of April last, and marked in the general plan of city lots, as follows, viz:

To William Eckhardt, for lots No. 114 and 115. Consideration seventy-four pounds.

To Daniel Benezet, for lots No. 289, 290, 291, 305, and 306. Consideration one hundred and thirty-one pounds.

To George Honey, Junior, for lots No. 942 and 943. Consideration two hundred and eighteen pounds.

To ditto for lots No. 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, and 1514. Consideration two hundred and thirty-four pounds.

To Edward Pole, for lots No. 1198, 1199, 1200, and 1201. Consideration two hundred & ninety-three pounds.

To Edward Pole, for lots numbered from 1293 to 1298, inclusive. Consideration one hundred and seventy-eight pounds.

To Joseph Wilson, for lots numbered from 1542 to 1548, inclusive. Consideration two hundred and seventy-four pounds.

Which sums the persons above mentioned have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the fourteenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Andrew Higgins, for the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings specie, in full for his services at Cape May in watching the British Fleet out of New York.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January the 15th, 1782.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

A letter from his Excellency John Hanson, Esquire, President of Congress, of the eleventh of January, 1782, inclosing an ordinance of Congress of the eighth of January, 1782, for amending the ordinance ascertaining what captures on water shall be lawful, was read, and ordered to be filed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Penticost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Levis, Esquire, for the sum of forty-six pounds twelve shillings and six pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for supplying with provisions the eighteen months' men raised in the county of Chester

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Jacob Livergood, for the sum of two hundred and forty-six pounds nine shillings and four pence specie, in full for the pay and subsistence of himself and the company of Riflemen under his command, raised agreeably to the orders of his Excellency General Washington, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance, dated the 3rd instant, inclosing a copy of a

letter written by him to the State of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, and Maryland, on the subject of revenue, especially on the five per cent. impost recommended by Congress. And also a letter from him of the 8th instant, inclosing a copy of an ordinance of Congress, dated the 31st of December last, incorporating the subscribers to the bank by the name and title of "The President, Directors, and company of the Bank of North America." And a copy of several resolutions of Congress of the 26th of May and 31st of December last, relative to the said bank.

Ordered, To be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 17th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Penticost.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper, Mr. Byers, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Penticost.

A petition from Mary Jenkins, setting forth that she is entitled to a certain lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, bounded on the north by Sassafras street, on the east by Broad street, on the south by John Linton's lot, and on the west by vacant lots, containing in breadth eighty feet six inches, and in length three hundred and six feet, in right of the original purchase from Joseph Allibone, from William Penn, Esquire, late Proprietary of Pennsylvania, and praying some relief from this Board, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General, to make inquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

A report of the Surveyor General on the petition of Thomas Forrest, claiming two city lots in right of the original purchases of Charles Marshall and John Marsh, was read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A report of the Surveyor General, respecting a claim of Benjamin Davis to a lot in the city of Philadelphia, appurtenant to an original purchase of five hundred acres, was read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A petition from Judith Elderton, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said Judith Elderton, on condition that she do not return again during the continuance of the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 19th, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Piper, Mr. Byers.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Piper, Mr. Byers.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, viz:

To William Wilson, Esquire, late Captain of the first Pennsylvania regiment, conveying a certain tract of land situate in Mahoning township, in the county of Northumberland, containing one hundred and sixty-eight acres, and allowance of six acres per cent. for roads and highways: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Alexander Bartram, an attainted traitor, for the sum of eighty pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania; which sum the said William Wilson hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deeds dated the twenty-first day of January instant.

To the said Captain William Wilson, conveying a certain tract of one hundred and twenty acres and one-half of land, situate in Mahoning township, in the county of Northumberland: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Alexander Bartram, an attainted traitor, for the sum of one hundred and thirteen pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania; which sum the said William Wilson hath paid into the hands of the Agents afs'd. Deed dated the twenty-first instant.

To Captain John Hughes, late of the first Pennsylvania regiment, conveying a tract of four hundred and sixty-seven acres and one-quarter of an acre, and allowance, &c., situate in Mahoning township, in the county of Northumberland: Seized and sold agreeably to law as the estate late of Alexander Bartram, an attainted traitor, for the sum of two hundred and sixty-six pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, paid as aforesaid. Deed dated the same day.

The Honorable John Evans, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, as follows, viz:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to the Honorable John Evans, Esq'r:

For attendance in Council from the 11th of April, to the 10th of Agust, 1777, inclusive, 122 days, a 25s, - - - - - - -	£152 10 0
To mileage, 45 miles, at 10d, - - -	1 17 6
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And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Evans, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty four pounds seven shillings and six pence, State money of the 7th of April, 1781, amount of the above account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 22d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Piper, Mr. Hayes.

The account of Captain Jacob Livergood for the pay and subsistence, &c., of his company of Riflemen, raised at the request of

his Excellency General Washington, was re-considered; and it appearing to the Council that a balance of ninety pounds three shillings and six pence specie, is due to the said company; on consideration,

Resolved, That the sum of ninety pounds three shillings and six perce specie, be paid to the said Captain Livergood's company of Riflemen, in full of their services, anything in the order of this Board of the sixteenth instant to the contrary notwithstanding.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 23d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Piper, Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Pentecost, Mr. Ewing, (now first returned from his family.)

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain Jacob Livergood, for the sum of fifteen pounds specie, in full for his services as Captain of a company of Riflemen, raised at the request of his Excellency General Washington.

In favor of Moses Scott, for the sum of three pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, in full for his services as Sergeant in the said company of Riflemen.

In favor of Mr. James Stevenson, for the sum of ninety pounds specie, in part of his pay as one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds specie, in part of his account for supplying the militia with provisions for the year 1781, called out for the defence of the frontiers of Northampton county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable	Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
	Mr. Pentecost,	Mr. Piper, and
	Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds specie, for paying for provisions purchased for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

A petition from Marcus McCausland, praying permission to go into New York and to return again, was read; and

Ordered, To lie under the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honourable	Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
	Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
	Mr. Pentecost,	Mr. Van Campen, (now first returned from his family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of three hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of repairing arms for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

Captain Stiles having represented to the Board that the Guard house near the magazine is in a shattered condition, on consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Stiles be directed to get the same repaired as soon as may be, at the most reasonable rate, so as to make it fit for the guard to be stationed there for the magazine.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable	Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
	Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost, and
	Mr. Piper,	Mr. Ewing.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Marcus McCausland, praying permission to go into the city of New York, and to return again; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said prayer of the said petition be not granted, it being contrary to a general rule of this Board to grant passes to New York, with permission to return, but that a pass be granted to the petitioner to go to Elizabeth town and return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 28th, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable	Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes,
	Mr. Pentecost,	Mr. Ewing, and
	Mr. Piper,	Mr. Byers.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable	Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
	Mr. Ewing,	Mr Hayes, and
	Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.
	Mr. Pentecost,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John McCashen, for the sum of ten pounds specie, for paying for the transportation of cloathing for the Ranging companies of Westmoreland and Washington counties from Philadelphia to Shippensburg.

A petition from David Reeder, convicted of a misdemeanor at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held at Newtown, for the county of Bucks, and sentenced to pay a fine to the use of the State of twenty-five pounds, pay the costs of prosecution, and stand committed till the sentence be complied with, was read, praying remission of the said fine. On consideration,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, Mr. Piper, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Pentecost.

A petition from John Hill, praying permission to go into New York and to return again, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be not granted, it being contrary to a general rule of this Board to grant passes to New York with permission to return.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the petitioner to go to Elizabethtown and return.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, vizt:

To Thomas M'Intire, Esquire, for lots No. 7 & 8, containing two hundred and ninety-three acres and one perch of land, situate in Tinicum township, in the county of Bucks, being part of the estate of John Reed, an attainted traitor, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of nine hundred and nine pounds two shillings and eight pence specie, which sum the said Thomas M'Intire hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates for the said county. Deed dated the 29th January, 1782.

To Henry Dorough, for six acres of land in the county of Bucks, late the estate of Owen Roberts, an attainted traitor, forfeited to the use of the State, and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds, Continental money, which sum the

said Henry Dorough hath paid into the hands of the said Agents. Deed dated the 29th of January, 1782.

To George Honey, Junior, for lot No. 1379, in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the 29th day of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of city lots as aforesaid. Consideration sixty-two pounds. Deed dated the 29th of January, 1782.

A letter from Matthew Clarkson, assistant to the Secretary at War, of the twenty-ninth instant, inclosing resolutions of Congress of the twenty-first day of December last, recommending to the Legislature of each State to appoint one or more places of rendezvous for recruits, to supply such recruits with provisions from the time of mustering until they shall join the army, and give notice to the Commander-in-Chief of the places so appointed, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly at their next meeting.

The Board took into consideration the appointing a President of the City Court for the city of Philadelphia; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, be appointed President of the City Court for the city of Philadelphia, and commissioned for and during the pleasure of this Council.

Resolved, That William Rush, Esquire, be appointed and commissioned one of the Judges of the said City Court, in the room of John Ord, Esquire, lately deceased.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 31, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost,	Mr. Van Campen.

A petition from William Bennett, praying a pass to New York for his wife and his son Barnet Bennett, and to return again, was read; and thereupon, the said petition was rejected, it being contrary to a rule of the Board to grant passes to New York with permission to return.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said William Bennett to go to Elizabethtown and to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Piper,
Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Van Campen.

The Council took into consideration the case of Asher Parents and Samuel Scott, now confined in the gaol of the county of Bucks; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Asher Parents and Samuel Scott, now confined in the gaol of the county of Bucks aforesaid, be remitted, and that they be discharged from confinement on paying their fees, the costs of prosecution, and enlisting as soldiers in the Pennsylvania line, to serve during the present war, and that they be entitled to receive the same bounty and emoluments as the other soldiers of the said line.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying two undivided third parts of a tract of land, situate in Sadsbury township, in the county of Chester, containing one hundred and seventy-eight acres, to Major James Parr: Seized and sold agreeably to law as the estate late of William Armstrong, an attainted traitor, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence, lawful money of Pennsylvania, which sum he hath paid to George Wall, Jun'r, Esquire, Agent. Deed dated the first day of February, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 2nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ewing, Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Piper,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable J. Atlee, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds specie, in

part of his pay as a member of Congress of this State, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of eighteen pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, in full for his wages as Door-keeper to the thirty-first of January, 1782, and sundry articles purchased for the use of the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jacob Bright, for the sum of eight pounds sixteen shillings and four pence specie, for inspection of 2,116 barrels of flour purchased by John Hazlewood, Esq'r, Commissioner of Purchase, for the use of the army.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain William Henderson, for the sum of ten pounds three shillings and seven pence specie, ballance of his account for recruiting for the year 1780.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Edward Burd, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, for the sum of fifty-seven pounds specie, one-half of the fees due from Thomas Wilkinson, George Crowders, Bryian Doran, Cornelius Elderton, Alexander M'Donald, Alexander Stewart, Reuben Parker and John Holmes, sent on board the Hermione frigate by order of Council, being taken in full on behalf of himself, the Attorney General, Sheriff, Jailor, &c.

A petition from Michael Morgan O'Brien, complaining of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, for not executing a decree of the Court of Appeals, and praying redress from this Board, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a copy of the said complaint be forwarded to the said Francis Hopkinson, and that he be requested to send an answer thereto as soon as may be.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Alexander Powers, conveying two certain tracts or parcels of land, marked No. 2 and 3, containing two hundred and twelve acres and one hundred and ten perches of land, situate in Tinicum township, in the county of Bucks: Seized and sold agreeably to law as the estate late of John Reid, an attainted traitor, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-five pounds sixteen shillings specie, which sum the said Alexander Powers hath paid into the hands of George Wall, Jun'r, Esquire, Agent of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the 1st day of February, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen	Mr. Pentecoast.

A petition from Joseph Egg, praying a pass to Elizabethtown and to return, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

A like petition from Mary Reine and Michael Reine was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of the twenty-second of January last, was received and read, on the subject of supplies for the use of the army for the year 1782.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly at their next sitting.

On consideration,

Resolved, That two Counsel, in addition to those already appointed, be employed to assist the Attorney General in the cause now depending before the Honorable Congress between this State and the State of Connecticut.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President for the following lots of ground, situate in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of said lots, vizt:

To Mr. Jacob Graff, for lots marked S and V. Consideration three hundred and ninety pounds.

To John and William Montgomery, for lots No. 1251 and 1252. Consideration sixty-six pounds.

Which sums they have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the fourth instant.

The Committee appointed to hear the evidence and report the facts alluded to in the petition against the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia, made the following report, to wit:

To his Excellency the President and Honorable Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

REPORT.

In pursuance of the orders of this Honorable Board, your committee have attended, from the third day of January last to this

day inclusive, and taken the depositions hereunto annexed, touching the late election of a Councillor for the city of Philadelphia, all which your committee respectfully submit to the consideration of this Board.

JOSEPH GARDNER.
JOHN BYERS.
DARSEY PENTECOAST.

Committee Room, Phila., Feb'y 4, 1782.

And the said report being considered; thereupon,

Resolved, That Monday, the eleventh instant, be appointed to hear the Counsel on the said contested election in the Council Chamber.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecoast,
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Ewing.

A letter from his Excellency John Hanson, Esquire, President of Congress of the 27th of January last, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twenty-fifth, recommending to the several States to establish a speedy mode of administering justice between the subjects of his most Christian Majesty and the citizens of these States, and likewise to vest persons in the neighborhood of the sea-coast, with power to secure shipwrecked property in the most effectual manner, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Nicholas, for the sum of seventy pounds specie, and the sum of seventy-one pounds nine shillings and six pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being in full for his services as Town Major, to the nineteenth day of January last.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Nicholas be dismissed from the State service as Town Major, there being no duty at this time for such an officer, and that the thanks of this Board be given to Colonel Nicholas for his former services.

A petition from Negro Violet, convicted of stealing the goods of John Henderson at the last City Court, and sentenced by the said court to be publickly whipped and pay a fine to the use of the

State of forty shillings, was read, praying this Board to remit the said punishment and fine; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said corporal punishment be remitted, on condition that she pay the said fine and the costs of prosecution.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 6th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

An application from Mr. Philip Fritz, for a pass to Fish-Kiln in the State of New York and to return, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 7th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Daniel Rees and Daniel Montgomery, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight pounds six shillings and eight pence specie, in part of their account for rations issued to the troops stationed in the county of Northumberland.

An order was on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Thomas Smith, Esquire, for the sum of seventy pounds fifteen shillings specie, in full for his pay as a member of Congress for this State, to the twenty-second day of January last.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 8th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of one thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, in part of his pay as one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain William Henderson, in full of his account for recruiting the Pennsylvania line in the year 1778.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Hayes.	

A petition from Henry Barnhold, setting forth his distressed circumstances by reason of his long imprisonment with the enemy, and praying some relief from this Board, was read; and

Ordered, To be dismissed.

A petition from Samuel Thompson, now confined in the new jail as a prisoner of war, praying this Board to take his case into consideration and grant him some relief, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

An application from Matthias Conrad, for a pass to Winchester, in the State of Virginia, and to return, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said pass be granted.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, of the eighth instant, respecting the recruiting Capt'n Van Heer's troop of Marechause, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That his Excellency be informed that it is the opinion of this Board, it will not be proper to open an account with Captain Van Heer, by advancing money to him for recruiting, but should any of the men enlisted by the State appear to be proper for that corps, they may be assigned to it, if his Excellency shall think it proper.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the doors of the Council were opened. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Rush on the part of the complainants & petitioners, against the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia, and Mr. Bradford, Mr. Sergeant and Mr. Ingersoll in support of the said election, attending the Council, proceeded to hear the Counsel upon the evidence given in and now lying before the Board, the said evidence having been reported by a committee of Council, and read before the Council at several meetings of the Council previous to this day.

The complaint and petition against said election was read; and also the following tweenty-three charges respecting the same, vizt:

To his Excellency the President and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The subscribers, in behalf of themselves and others, freemen and inhabitants of the county of Philadelphia, who lately petitioned this Honorable Board against certain abuses and irregularities which happened at the late general election for the said county, do, in obedience to an order of this Board for that purpose made, humbly charged and shew:

1. That when the militia of a part of the State were collected for the defence of the county, at the time and place in the petitions now depending before this Board mentioned, Jonathan D. Sergeant, Esquire, made his appearance there, in order, by the undue means hereafter mentioned, to procure their votes and interest at the then next ensuing election for the county of Philadelphia, which Major

Hanna, Aid-du-Camp to General Lacey, who then commanded at that station, gave orders to the officers of the militia of the county of Philadelphia to meet at the General's quarters on a Sunday evening shortly preceding the said election, upon business of great importance, as he termed it.

2. That in compliance therewith, Col. McVeagh, Colonel Bitting, Major Jolly, Major Hart, Major Bayard, Captain Nice, Captain Irwin, Captain Beck, Captain Downing, Captain Dierman, Captain Buskirk, Captain Peterman, Captain Loury, Captain Hinds, Captain Schneider, Captain Roberts, Adjutant Potts, Quarter Master Davis, Lieutenant Kite, Lieutenant Knox, Lieutenant Axe, Lieutenant Euston, Lieutenant Gorgas, Lieutenant Duffield, Ensign Schlomaster and Ensign Jones, with many other officers of the militia aforesaid, whose names are at present unknown to the subscribers, but which, when discovered, they humbly pray may be added hereto, met at the said General's quarters on the said Sunday evening, and then and there, by the undue procurement of the said Mr. Sergeant, held a private meeting, apart from their men, with the said General, his Aid-du-Camp, Major Hanna, Major Bayard, and the said Mr. Sergeant, not upon the subject of warfare, but of the election; and the said Mr. Sergeant having sufficiently harangued them thereon, produced to them tickets containing the names of divers persons to be proposed and run as candidates at the said election, and did very untruly and unjustly, and in order to impose upon and deceive the said officers and men under the command of the said General, declare and say that the same ticket had been agreed upon by a majority of electors for the said county, who had shortly theretofore met at Neff's tavern, for the purpose of agreeing on a proper ticket, when, in truth and in fact, the same ticket had not been so fixed and agreed; whereby the said officers and men were wrongfully imposed upon and deceived.

3. That the said officers being, by the unfair practice aforesaid, deceived, met the General again the next morning, upon like invitation, at his quarters, and wishing to support the ticket which they were led to believe had been agreed upon by their friends as aforesaid, subscribed a written agreement, drawn up by Major Hanna, to support the said ticket by their votes and those of their men, so far as should be in their power.

4. That the plan being thus agreed on, General Lacey desired the said officers to apply to him by an address, in writing, for liberty to go to the said election, which was accordingly done, and the permission granted, and the Clerks of the different companies, together with Major Bayard, Mr. Strickman, Mr. Redman, Andrew Coxe, and many others, unknown, were called upon by the General's Aid-du-Camp to repair to his quarters, to write a sufficient number of tickets, to be delivered to the men at or near the election ground, except that the name of a certain gentleman, against whom the body of the officers objected, was left out.

5. That the matters being thus prepared, General Lacey, in order the more effectually to secure the success thereof, issued his General Orders on the seventh day of October last, the substance of which is contained in the petitions now depending before this House, and a true copy whereof will be exhibited, and which could not have been better calculated to prevent the above mentioned deception from being detected till after voting.

6. That upon the eighth day of October, a part of the militia marched, under the command of Colonel Bitting, for Wentz's tavern, and the remainder of them under Colonel McVeaugh, to Germantown, at which places the said elections were held; and before their arrival there the said tickets were delivered them by the said Colonels, and by their orders; and although most of the said officers shewed a disposition favorable to liberty and to the rights of the people, yet being under military law and rigid military orders, they had it not in their power, without disobedience of orders and the dangers of subjecting themselves to military punishments, to allow the men time, opportunity, or the necessary convenience of detecting the said deception, by consulting with their friends, or of learning what ticket had been agreed upon by them at Naff's, or who were proposed as candidates, or of acting and judging like freemen, as they ought to have done.

7. That Colonel McVeaugh, through a sense of his duty as an officer, which, from the extraordinary nature of his orders, was unfortunately opposed to his duty as a citizen, marched his men to the election ground in their ranks, with drums beating and colours flying, under the command of himself and his said officers, with their swords drawn, in all the display of military parade, and not finding the election opened, from the same sense of duty, marched them to a distance, and there kept them separated from the body of their friends till they marched in companies (except Erwin's company, which he dismissed) to the election ground, and voted in that manner, without being at all examined as to their qualifications, and it was not till then they were allowed refreshment, of which they stood in great need. That the battalion under the command of Colonel McVeaugh, had their said tickets delivered them at Jenkinstown, by his orders; and although they were told they should have an hour to alter them, yet only a part of them, by a tender regard of their officers, could procure pen, ink, or paper, that they were obliged to march before the expiration of the said hour, before they could consult with their friends, and even this time was not industriously employed, as they expected to have full time and opportunity at Germantown, as of right they ought, but which the Colonel, from the nature of his orders, was obliged to refuse them.

8th. That Adjutant Barlet, of Colonel Bitting's battalion, delivered bundles of the said tickets to the said officers and men near the election ground, and they were afforded neither sufficient time

nor opportunity to alter them, that they marched to the election ground, and after drawing up before the door, left their ranks man by man to give in their said tickets.

9. That on their march from Newtown to the election ground, Colonel Bitting told the men they must give in the said tickets, and upon their shewing their disapprobation thereof, he said every man who refused was a tory and he would whip him.

10. That at Germantown Colonel McVeaugh with his drawn sword, and Major Hanna, ordered the men in a military manner to keep in their ranks and not to speak to any body, and when some of them attempted to get drink or to rest themselves, they were by the same officers, and by Captains Beck, Lewellen, Young, a Sub-lieutenant, and many other officers, ordered back and were obliged to obey.

11. That when John Shubert, who had been sick, and left Captain Erwin's company for a time, and returned with a number of tickets which the men of the said company gladly accepted and gave in, he was reprimanded by Colonel M'Veaugh for so doing.

12. That when Phineas Roberts, who had two sons and a son-in-law in the militia, who had been ordered into Jersey upon duty. attempted to speak to them in the ranks relative to their welfare, at the request of their wives and families, he was reprimanded by Major Hanna and another officer, whose name is unknown, for so doing, and was told he had no business to speak to the men or to attempt biassing their minds.

13. That Phineas Roberts, Daniel Rees, Adam Whartman, George Cossinger, Michael Whitmar, and many others qualified to vote, returned without voting at all, by reason of there being no freedom of election.

14. That James Fulton, an Inspector at Germantown, after receiving two tickets and the electors had retired, opened, read, and tore them to pieces.

15. That at Germantown there were four boxes to put the tickets in and only four Clerks, namely: Archibald Engle, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Norton, and Mr. McNet, who could, therefore, be no check upon each other, and who were not under oath.

16. That at Germantown Major Bethel, Captain Ashmead, and Captain Nice, who were no officers of the election, acted as Inspectors, while two of the Inspectors, whose names are unknown, were asleep, and the said Bethel, Nice, and Ashmead, counted all the tickets contained in one of the boxes, to the amount of near two hundred, without being on oath.

17. That a large bundle of tickets was delivered by Captain Hazlet, an Inspector at Germantown, out of his box to Mr. Engle, to call out, which he did, though he was not an Inspector.

18. That the election at Wentz's was not opened till near four o'clock, although by law it ought to have been done before two o'clock.

19. That at Wentz's many of the Inspectors did not stay till the tickets were counted, and that Andrew Knox, Esquire, who acted in the double capacity of Deputy of the Sheriff and as Judge of the election, also acted as Inspector, without really being such, delivered the tickets of the box for a time and called out the names, and then desired Jacob Linld, who was not an Inspector, or under oath, to do for him, which he did; that Mr. Linld said as the tickets appeared to be all camp tickets he might as well lump them, and did so, without calling out the names, to the amount of upwards of seventy, and Mr. Knox did not return until the business was ended.

20. That at Wentz's, Henry Giger, an Inspector, admitted Jacob Strechler to give in his vote, although he was under age and well known to the Inspector.

21. That at Germantown, Jacob Ashton, an Inspector, did, without asking a single question, receive the votes of Daniel Delany and Simon Ramston, two apprentice lads under twenty-one years of age and well known to the said Inspector.

22nd. That at the election at Wentz's, Colonel Bitting finding some of his men were altering the tickets, reprimanded and abused them therefor, tore the tickets they were getting, to pieces, and ordered his clerks to write new ones.

23. That John Whitman, upon being desired by his father at the election at Wentz's, to let him see his ticket, was told by his Lieutenant, Adam Gilbert, that if he or any of the men did not pass the tickets they had delivered them, they would be ill-treated and despised when they got to camp, upon which the said John, not daring to alter his ticket, did not vote at all.

Signed NATHANIEL FALCONER,
JACOB S. HOWELL,
JOSEPH COWPERTHWAITE.

Mr. Rush opened the cause on the part of the complainants, resting the complaint upon two general grounds, vizt: The irregularities of the time and manner of holding the election; and the military authority made use of on that occasion by General Lacey and the officers under his command.

Mr. Lewis spoke to the importance of the right of election and the undue influence used, the combination for influencing them, and to the irregularities of holding the election; and having spoken four hours, the Council postponed the order of the day till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Owen Biddle, Esquire, be appointed one of the Commissioners for running the boundary line between this State and the State of Virginia.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 12th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Bayard.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, for the sum of thirty thousand pounds specie, in part of the supplies required by Congress of this State, for which he is to be accountable, the same to be charged to the United States of America.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Francis Bailey, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings specie, for thirty ream of paper for printing the laws of the Commonwealth.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, or his order, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings State money, of the seventh of April, 1782, for supplying Captain Christie, Lieutenant Pentegrew, and recruits stationed at Easton, for which he is to account.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President, for sundry lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, vizt:

To William Graham, for lots numbered from 1269 to 1274.—Consideration two hundred and sixty-two pounds.

To the same person, for lots numbered from 1065 to 1069. Consideration one hundred and fifty-one pounds.

To William Harris, for lot No. 1310. Consideration thirty-one pounds.

To the same person, for lots No. 1188 & 1189. Consideration eighty-one pounds.

To George Honey, Jun'r, for lots No. 1632, 1633, and 1634.—Consideration eighty-four pounds.

To Redman Byrne, for lots numbered from 1601 to 1610, inclusive. Consideration three hundred and four pounds.

All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State. Deeds dated the 12th day of February, 1782.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; and thereupon,

Mr. Lewis was directed to proceed in his arguments in support of the petition against the said election; and he finished at twelve o'clock.

Mr. Rush, his colleague, then rose, and having spoken till half past one o'clock, the further hearing was postponed till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 13th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be directed to repay the monies borrowed under the resolution of Council of August the 4th, 1780, agreeably to the terms expressed therein. Those who lent Continental money to be repaid agreeably to the depreciation fixed by act of General Assembly passed the 3d of April, 1781.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be published.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; and thereupon,

Mr. Ingersoll rose as counsel in behalf of the said election; and having spoken from half past ten till two o'clock, the Council adjourned till four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Council met.

4 o'clock, Wednesday, February 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

As in the forenoon.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; whereupon,

Mr. Sergeant, one of the counsel on the part of the election, moved that the further hearing in the case of the said election be postponed till to-morrow at ten o'clock, alleging that Mr. Ingersoll is so indisposed as not to be able to proceed; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the further hearing be postponed till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

A circular letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendent of Finance, of the thirteenth instant, recommending to the several States to exert themselves in procuring the supplies required by Congress so as to enable the army under the command of his Excellency General Washington, to take the field as early as possible the ensuing campaign, was read; and

Ordered, To be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Pentecoast.

Mr. Sergeant, one of the counsel on the part of the election of Philadelphia county, attended and informed the Council that Mr. Ingersoll, his colleague, is not yet well enough to proceed in the business of the said election, and prayed Council to postpone the order of the day till ten o'clock to-morrow morning. On consideration,

Ordered, That the further hearing in the case of said election be postponed accordingly.

The petition of John Heiner, in behalf of Henry Heiner, convicted upon two indictments of horse stealing, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Yorktown, in the county of York, and sentenced upon each of the said indictments, to pay to the use of the State a fine of twenty pounds, stand in the pillory one hour, be publickly whipped, have both his ears cut off and nailed to the pillory, &c., was read, praying remission of the said corporal punishment. A recommendation of divers persons in behalf of the said Henry Heiner, being also read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said corporal punishment be remitted, provided that the said fines and the costs of prosecution be paid by the said Henry Heiner.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia lately called into service, for which he is to account; the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, Lieutenant of the said city and liberties, and to be paid out of monies arising from militia fines.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 15th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Piper,	

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election, and the counsel on the part of the petitioners against the said election and in support of the said election attending,

Mr. Ingersoll, in behalf of the said election, proceeded, and spoke till two o'clock, and then the further hearing was postponed till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

A petition from William Smith, alias William Jones, convicted at a Court of General Quarter Sessions, held at Lancaster for the county of Lancaster, the third day of February instant, of stealing a bay gelding, the property of Edward Carter, and sentenced to be publickly whipped, stand in the pillory one hour, have both his ears cut off and nailed to the pillory; and

A petition from George Pancake, convicted at the said court, of stealing the goods of Joshua Elder, Esquire, and sentenced to be publicly whipped, pay a fine to the State of three pounds three shillings and nine pence, make restitution of the property stolen, and pay the costs of prosecution, &c., were read, together with the records of their convictions, and a recommendation of divers persons in their behalf. On consideration,

Resolved, That the corporal punishment of the said William Smith be remitted, on condition of his paying the costs of prosecution, and enlisting in the Pennsylvania line, without bounty, to be entitled to State emoluments at the end of the war, if he shall continue so long therein.

Resolved, That the corporal punishment of the said George Pancake be remitted, he paying his fine, the costs of prosecution, and enlisting as aforesaid, and entitled to the said emoluments.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February the 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen.	Mr. Pentecoast.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; and

Mr. Ingersoll, counsel in behalf of the said election, proceeded in his arguments, and spoke from ten till two o'clock; and then

The Council adjourned till three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, 3 o'clock, Saturday, P. M., February 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

As in the morning.

Mr. Ingersoll, counsel in behalf of the Philadelphia county election, continued and closed his arguments in support of the said election about half past five o'clock.

Mr. Sergeant, the colleague, then prayed the Council to postpone the further hearing till ten o'clock on Monday morning; thereupon,

Ordered, That the further hearing in the case of the Philadelphia county election be postponed accordingly, till ten o'clock on Monday morning.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Clement Biddle, Quarter Master General of the militia of this

State, for the sum of three hundred and sixty pounds, for paying for sail duck for making tents for the militia, for which the said Quarter Master General is to account.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; and thereupon,

Mr. Sergeant, counsel in behalf of the said election, next spoke, (from half past ten till three o'clock,) and then the further hearing was postponed till Wednesday at three o'clock, P. M.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, Bernard Dougherty, George Ashman, James Martin, and Hugh Davison, Esquires, of the county of Bedford, be appointed and commissioned to try and determine, according to the laws and customs of this Commonwealth

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now confined in the gaol of the county of Bedford, charged with having

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*Note to the Printer.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President. (now first returned from his family.)

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Byers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

Mr. Wynkoop and Mr. Culbertson, a committee of the Honorable House of Assembly, attended and informed the Council that the House was now met and ready to receive any business the Council may have to lay before them: Whereupon,

General Ewing and Mr. Van Campen laid before the House the several papers relative to public business, which have come to hand during the recess of the House, which are as follow, vizt:

A letter from the President of Congress of the 6th, and resolutions of Congress of the 2d & 3d January, 1782, respecting seizure and condemnation of British manufactures, and makeing up depreciation to Doctors Glentworth, Smith, Fallon, Duffield, and Halling.

Letter from ditto and resolutions of Congress of the 11th, ascertaining what captures on water shall be lawful.

Letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, of the 3rd January, 1782, on the subject of revenue, especially on the 5 per cent. impost recommended by Congress.

Ditto, of the 8th, inclosing ordinance of Congress of the 31st of December last, incorporating the subscribers to the bank, and copies of resolutions of Congress of the 26th and 31st of December last, relative to the said bank.

Letter from Matthew Clarkson, Assistant to the Secretary at War, inclosing resolutions of Congress of the 21st of December last, for appointing one or more places of rendezvous in each State for recruits until they shall join the army.

Letter from his Excellency General Washington of the twenty-second day of January, 1782, on the subject of supplies for the year 1782.

Letter from the President of Congress of the twenty-seventh of January, 1782, and resolutions of Congress of the twenty-fifth, respecting shipwrecked property and establishing a speedy mode of administering justice between the subjects of his most Christian Majesty and the citizens of these States.

Letters from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, of the thirteenth of February instant, on the subject of supplies for the year 1782.

And also a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, requesting returns from the several States of the property destroyed by the enemy.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Peter Dehaven, for the sum of five pounds five shillings, for his services in finding out and making returns of public lots possessed by private persons.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President, to William Bailey, of Yorktown, conveying a two story messuage and lot of ground, situate in the town of Lebanon, in the county of Lancaster: Seized as the estate late of Nicholas Houssecker, an attainted traitor, and sold agreeably to law, to the said William Bailey, for the sum of two thousand two hundred pounds certificates of depreciation, subject to one-fourth of the said sum to be reduced to a yearly ground rent, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, the remaining three-fourths being paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in Lancaster county aforesaid. Deed dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 20th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Penticoast, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Byers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Doctor Joseph Eaker, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, in part for his services in attending Captain Robinson's company of Rangers as a physician and supplying them with medicine, for which he is to account.

A like order, in favor of his Excellency the President, for one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A letter from Thomas Willing, Esquire, dated Philadelphia, the 9th of February instant, inclosing a petition stiled "The petition of the President, Directors, and company of the Bank of North America," to the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met," the said letter requesting the said petition may be laid before the General Assembly; and

On consideration, deferred for further consideration till to-morrow.

The Council adjourned till three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Council met.

3 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, February 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

As in the morning, except Mr. Bayard.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; and thereupon,

Jacob Rush, Esquire, for the petitioners against the said election, took up the argument in support of said petition, and spoke from half-past three till eight o'clock, and then

The Council adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

The Council resumed the consideration of the letter from Thomas Willing, Esquire; & thereupon,

Ordered, That it be transmitted to the Speaker of the General Assembly, together with the said petition.

A petition from Martha Todd, praying a pass to Elizabethtown and to return, was read.

Ordered, That the same be granted.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia county election; and thereupon,

Mr. Lewis closed the arguments in support of the petition against the said election; then the Council postponed the further consideration of the said election till the 26th of February, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 22nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Piper, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Pentecoast, Mr. Byers, and The Honorable Vice President.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchases, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence specie, for paying for supplies purchased for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable Joseph Montgomery, for one hundred and thirty eight pounds specie, in full for his pay as a member of Congress for this State to the twenty-first instant.

In favor of Henry Taylor, Esquire, for the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings specie, to be by him paid to Andrew Hood, as a reward for taking an Indian scalp in the county of Westmoreland, agreeably to Proclamation of this Board.

In favor of James Stevenson and John Nicholson, for the sum of twelve hundred and five pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line one third of their depreciation certificates, for which the said Auditors are to account.

A petition from Rachel White, praying permission to go to New York with her son, a boy of fourteen years of age, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That permission be granted to the said Rachel White to go to New York not to return again, and that so much of the said petition as respects her said son be rejected.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of this day's date, respecting the recruiting the Pennsylvania line, recommending to the State to adopt a mode that shall be more effectual and expeditious than the present, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

The following list, pointing out the vacancies in the Pennsylvania line, with the time of such vacancies happening, and the officers next entitled to receive promotion, was presented and read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the promotions do take place accordingly; that the said list be transmitted to the Secretary at War, with a request that commissions be issued.

Promotions in the first Pennsylvania regiment:

Captain—Lieutenant William McCurdy promoted to a Captain, 18th May 1781, vice Captain Ebenezer Carson, resigned.

Second Pennsylvania Regiment:

Captain—Lieutenant Vanhorn (Isaac) promoted to a Captain, 10th June, 1781, vice Captain Joseph McClelland, resigned.

Third Pennsylvania regiment:

Captain—Lieutenant John Bush promoted to a Captain, 11th Dec'r, 1781, vice Captain John Henderson, resigned.

Fourth Pennsylvania regiment:

Captain—Lieutenant Stephen Stephenson promoted to a Captain, 11th July, 1781, vice Captain John Alexander, resigned.

Ensign Andrew Henderson promoted to a Lieutenancy, 29th Jan'y, 1781, vice Lieutenant George Boss, transferred to the Invalids.

Ensign John Rose promoted to a Lieutenancy, April 1, 1781, vice Lieutenant Peter Summers, resigned.

Ensign Ebenezer Denny promoted to a Lieutenancy, 23d of May, 1781, vice Garret Steddiford, resigned.

Sixth Pennsylvania regiment:

Second Lieutenant Edward Spear promoted to a first Lieutenancy, 16th May, 1781, vice Lieutenant James Gibbons, resigned.

Lieutenant John Crawford, late of the 8th, to receive his commission in the second Pennsylvania regiment, dated 18th of April, 1777.

Certified and signed 22d February, 1782.

WILLIAM IRVINE, B. Gen'l.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 23d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast, and
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byers.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Major William Armstrong be appointed Commissary to the Commissioners for running the boundary line between this State and the State of Virginia, and that he be allowed at the rate of fifteen shillings specie per diem during the time he shall be engaged in the said business.

Ordered, That Lieutenant Richard Johnston, now at Yorktown, be directed to march with his company to Bedford forthwith, and there put himself under the command of the Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of York be directed to call out one class of the militia of the said county for the purpose of guarding the military prisoners in that county; that as forty men only are wanted at one time for the said purpose, the Lieutenant be directed to call out no more than that number, and that the battalions be called upon in their numerical order, beginning at the first, for the said one class, so far as may be necessary to furnish the said number, and when the time of service of the first forty shall expire, that he then call on the next battalion or battalions for a like number, so as to have the succeeding ready to take charge of the said prisoners when the time of the first shall expire, and so on until the said one class shall have served their tour of duty, or until further order from this Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for the sum of sixty pounds specie, to be by him paid to Lieutenant Richard Johnston, for the purpose of pay-

ing the company of Rangers raised for the defence of the county of Bedford, for which the said Lieutenant Johnston is to account.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, vizt:

To George Benner, conveying fifty acres of land situate in Hilltown township, in the county of Bucks: Seized as the estate late of Evan Thomas, and sold agreeably to law to the said George Benner, for the sum of three hundred and thirty pounds specie, subject to a yearly ground rent payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, of one-fourth of the said sum, the remaining three-fourths being paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-third day of February, 1782.

To Jacob Benner, conveying a certain tract of land situate in Tinicum township, in Bucks county; containing two hundred and thirty-five acres and thirty-five perches: Seized as the estate late of John Overholtz, and sold agreeably to law to the said Jacob Benner, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds specie, subject to a yearly ground rent of one-fourth of the said sum, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, the remaining three-fourths being paid as aforesaid. Deed dated the twenty-third day of February, 1782.

To Benjamin Harbeson, conveying one-third of an eighteen acre field adjoining land of Isaac Roberts, on the road to Southampton, one-third of sixteen acres of woodland, adjoining Walter Moore's mill, and one-third of forty acres adjoining Joshua Morris, all in the manor of Mooreland, Philadelphia county: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Daniel Jeans, an attainted traitor, for eight thousand five hundred pounds, Continental money, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of said county. Deed dated the day aforesaid.

To Samuel Burns, conveying lots No. 5, 6, and 10, containing together four hundred and forty-nine acres and one hundred and fifty-seven perches, situate in Tinicum township, Bucks county: Seized as the estate of John Reid, an attainted traitor, and sold agreeably to law to the said Samuel Burns, for the sum of five hundred and eight pounds three shillings and six pence specie, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-third day of February, 1782.

Ordered, That Captain Robeson, now in Reading, be directed to march with his company to Northumberland forthwith, and there put himself under the command of the Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, for the defence of the frontiers of the said county.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks be directed to call out a class of the militia of the said county, for the purpose of guarding the military prisoners in that county; that as forty men only are wanted at one time for the said purpose, the Lieuten-

ant be directed to call out no more than that number, and that the battalions be called upon in their numerical order, beginning at the first, for the said one class, so far as may be necessary to furnish the said number; and when the time of the first forty shall expire, that he then call on the next battalion or battalions for the like number, so as to have the succeeding number ready to take charge of the said prisoners when the time of the first shall expire, and so on until the said one class shall have served their tour of duty, or until further order from this Council.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Mr. James Patterson, teacher in the University of this State, be appointed one of the Commissioners for running the boundary line between this State and the State of Virginia, and that he be desired to proceed with the other Commissioners with all convenient dispatch.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Piper,	

An order to Mr. Thomas Nevill, for forty-five pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence specie, for repairing the clock room and guard-house.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr. George Honey, Jun'r, for the sum of seven pounds specie, for services as Clerk to the Wardens of the city and sundry expences.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Peuticoast, and
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byers.

A representation from the inhabitants of the western parts of this State respecting the defence of the frontiers.

A letter from the Commissioners of the Taxes of the county of Westmoreland, of the sixth instant. And one other letter from the Commissioners of the Taxes of the county of Washington, of the eighth, respecting the collection of the taxes in the said counties, were received and read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the General Assembly of this State.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

3 o'clock, Tuesday, February 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

As in the morning, except Mr. Bayard.

The Council resumed the consideration of the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia; and it was

Agreed to consider the specification of charges separately, in order to determine which of them are supported by evidence; and thereupon,

The first charge was read and considered; and the question being put: Is this charge well-founded? Was carried in the negative.

The second charge was read; and the question being put, was carried in the negative.

The third charge was read; and the question being put, was carried in the negative.

Agreed, that the further consideration of the said election be postponed till the second day of March next.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

A certificate from John Moore, Esquire, of the city of Philadelphia, was laid before the Board and read, by which it appears that a certain Nicholas Burkhart hath discovered that there is due from him to Christopher Sower the sum of fifty pounds specie, the balance of a bond of one hundred and fifty pounds, payable to the said Sower, and the said balance being now forfeited to the use of the State by the attainder of the said Sower,

Resolved, That the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Philadelphia, be directed to receive from the said Nicholas Burkhart, the said sum of fifty pounds specie, balance of the aforesaid bond, without charging interest thereon, since the eighteenth day of November, 1778.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 28, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

Mr. George Smith and Mr. Hahn, a committee of the Honorable House of Assembly, attended in Council, and requested a conference with the Council on the subject of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, and wished to be informed whether there are any defects in the laws now in force for that purpose; and thereupon, a free conference was accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Samuel Denny, for the sum of one pound ten shillings specie, amount of

his account for riding express to the Lieutenant of the county of Chester, in September, 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying for cattle, horses. &c., for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds five shillings and three pence specie, amount of his account for his wages to the twenty-eighth of February, 1782, and cash paid for sundry articles.

A return of Justices for the district of Warrington and Manahan townships, in the county of York, was received and read, by which it appears that William Mitchell and John Nesbitt were duly elected justices for the said district, to wit:

William Mitchell, twenty-nine votes, and
John Nesbitt, eighteen votes.

Thereupon,

Resolved, That William Mitchell, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of York, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of six pounds fifteen shillings specie, in full for his services as Steward to the commissioners for running the boundary line between this State and Virginia.

A petition from Sarah Whitebread, praying permission to go to New York, and to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

A petition from Mrs. Elizabeth Sower, praying permission for her son Luke Thomas to come from the city of New York to this city, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, on his giving security in the sum of five hundred pounds specie, for his good behaviour during the present war.

A committee of the General Assembly attended in Council, to confer on the propriety and necessity of running the line between this State and that of Virginia, by astronomical observations, the expense being very considerable, and the utmost abilities and exertions of the State being required to resist the enemy; and on consideration,

It is the unanimous opinion of the Council and committee, that it is not advisable to run the said line by astronomical observation at present.

General Irvine attended in Council, and represented that there was too much reason to fear a revolt of the troops stationed at Fort Pitt from the want of pay, that application had been made to the Superintendant of Finance, for the purpose of obtaining money for paying the said troops, and that he had returned for answer, "he could not think of making a partial pay of the troops."

The Council considering the great importance of preserving a force of the frontiers for the protection of the inhabitants, were of opinion that measures should be immediately taken for satisfying the said troops; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Vice President, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Pentecoast and Doctor Gardner, be a committee for conferring with a committee of the General Assembly, on the situation of the frontier defence, if the Honorable House shall think proper to appoint such a committee.

The return of William Rush and Benjamin Harbeson, appointed by order of the Council of the tenth of January last, to view and make return of the value of a house and lot of ground, late the estate of Matthias Aspden, an attainted traitor, situate between Market and Mulberry streets, Water street and the river Delaware, in order that the same may be assigned to the University of this State, was read, by which return it appears that the said lot is bounded north by a house and stores of Thomas Say, west by Water street, southward by ground of and eastward by Delaware river, on which a messuage, kitchen and range of brick stores are erected, now in the tenure of Joseph Shewell, and that the said estate is of the value of fourteen hundred pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, exclusive of the ground rent payable thereon; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said estate be assigned to the University of the State of Pennsylvania; that the same be now delivered to the Trustees; and that the said institution be charged therewith, according to the valuation in the estimation of estates so assigned, agreeably to the act of General Assembly directing the same.

A letter from the Honorable R. Livingston, Esquire, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, inclosing several resolves of Congress, and also a circular letter from the said Minister, were read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland be directed to call out one company of militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the county of Bedford, so as to be on duty by the first of next month.

Mr. Philip Moore applied to the Council and requested the loan of two pieces of brass artillery, in order to arm a boat designed to act against the enemy in the Delaware Bay.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Military Stores be directed to supply Mr. Moore with two pieces of artillery, to be returned by him if they shall not be taken by the enemy.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 2nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Piper,	

Ordered, That the letters received yesterday from the Honorable the Minister of Foreign Affairs, one of the eighteenth of February, 1782, and the other circular without any date, inclosing sundry resolutions of Congress of the twenty-third of November, 1781, January the twenty-fifth and February the eleventh and eighteenth, 1782, be laid before the General Assembly.

The Council resumed the consideration of the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia; and

The fourth charge being read and considered, and the question being put, was carried in the negative.

The fifth charge being read, and the question put, was carried in the negative.

The sixth charge being read, it was moved & agreed that this charge be divided, and the question being put on the following words, viz: "That upon the eighth day of October a part of the "militia marched under the command of Colonel Bitting for "Wentz's tavern, and the remainder of them under Colonel

"M'Veaugh for Germantown, at which places the said elections "were held, and before their arrival there the said tickets were de-"livered them by the said Colonels and by their orders," was carried in the affirmative.

And the question being put on the following words, vizt: "And "altho' most of the officers shewed a disposition favorable to lib-"erty and to the rights of the people, yet being under military law "and rigid military orders, they had it not in their power, without "disobedience of orders and the danger of subjecting themselves "to military punishments, to allow the men time, opportunity, or "the necessary conveniences of detecting the said imposition by "consulting with their friends, or of learning what ticket had been "agreed upon by them at Neff's, or who were proposed as candi-"dates;" was carried in the negative.

And the question being put on the following words: "or of "acting and judging like freemen, as of right they ought to have "done;" was carried in the affirmative.

Moved that the several parts of the seventh charge, being included in the foregoing charges already determined, and the same being seconded, and the question put, was carried in the affirmative.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr Piper,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Thomas Robinson, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for paying the company of Rangers under his command, for which he is to account.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance of the first instant, inclosing a copy of a letter of the twenty-eighth day of February last, from his Excellency General Washington, respecting Captain Van Heer's corps of Maresschasse, was read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

The Council resumed the consideration of the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia; and

The eighth charge being read, it was agreed, that this charge to the words "to alter them," is included in the determination already given; and

The question being put upon the following words, vizt: "that "they marched to the election ground, and after drawing up be- "fore the door left their ranks man by man to give in their said "tickets," was carried in the affirmative.

The ninth charge being read; it was agreed that this charge had been given up by the Counsel for the petitioners.

The tenth charge was read, and it was agreed that this charge is included in the determination already given.

The eleventh charge was read; and it was agreed that this charge was given up by the counsel for the petitioners.

The twelfth charge was read; and the question thereupon being put, was carried in the affirmative.

The thirteenth charge was read; and the question being put, was carried in the negative.

The fourteenth charge was read; and it was agreed that the facts are as they stand stated, but from the circumstance in which the tickets were torn there was no criminality.

The fifteenth charge was read; and the question thereupon being put, was carried in the negative.

The sixteenth charge being read, it was agreed that Major Bethel, Captain Ashmead, and Captain Nice, did act as Inspectors.

The seventeenth charge was read; and the question being put, was carried in the affirmative.

The eighteenth charge was read; and it was agreed that the election was opened after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The nineteenth charge was read; and agreed, that the facts stated in the nineteenth charge are supported by evidence, except only that it appears that Andrew Knox, Esquire, who went out of the room in which the tickets were counting, remaining out but a very short time, and that he did not return before the business was ended.

The twentieth charge was read; and the question being put, was carried in the negative.

The twenty-first charge was read; and it was agreed that John Ashton, an Inspector, received a ticket from Joseph Dolony, an apprentice.

The twenty-second charge was read; and it was agreed that at the election at Wentz's, Colonel Bitting reprimanded a man for altering a ticket, and tore it.

The twenty-third charge was read; and the question being put, was carried in the negative. It was then moved that Thursday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, be appointed for finally determining upon the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia, and agreed to unanimously.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Pentecoast.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver three thousand flints, one hundred and fifty stand of arms, and the like number of pouches, in the following proportions, vizt:

To the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, one thousand flints, fifty stand of arms, and fifty pouches, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant of the county of Bedford, for the use of the ranging company raised in the said county.

To the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, one thousand flints, fifty stand of arms, and fifty pouches, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, for the use of the ranging company raised in the said county.

To the Honorable Dorsey Pentecoast, Esquire, one thousand flints, fifty stand of arms, and fifty pouches, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant of the county of Washington, for the use of the ranging company to be raised in the said county.

Ordered, That the deficiency of powder directed to be sent to the said counties on the nineteenth of December last, be now delivered as aforesaid, in cartridges, made up and fitted to the said muskets, for the use of the said companies.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the following persons, vizt:

Captain Thomas Robeson, for the sum of two pounds eight shillings and nine pence specie, amount of Doctor Kennedy's bill for attendance upon said company and supplying them with medicine.

Captain Thomas Robeson, for the sum of one pound two shillings and six pence specie, amount of Henry Davis's account for house room and firewood for sick soldiers.

William and Samuel Moore, for four pounds five shillings specie, for shoes for said company.

Joseph Keister, for three pounds ten shillings specie, for shoes for said company.

A petition from John Bollen, praying to be paid for supplying sundry officers with provisions at the time of the mutiny of the Pennsylvania line, was read, and rejected.

A petition from Henry Wolfe, praying a pass to Elizabethtown for Mary Kessler, Elizabeth Watkees, and Kitty Watkees, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said persons.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to William Dean, Esquire, for a lot of ground in Abington, containing ten acres and a quarter, bounded by Abraham Tyson's land, south fifty degrees east sixty-one perches, south forty degrees west twenty-eight perches and five-tenths fifty-four and two-tenth perches, north twenty-six degrees east thirty perches on York road: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Joshua Knight, an attainted traitor, to the said William Dean, for the sum of eleven thousand six hundred pounds, Continental money, subject to the yearly rent of five bushels and eight-tenths of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State; three-fourths of which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the thirtieth of October, 1781.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 6th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Pentecoast.

A petition from Patrick M'Connell, setting forth that hath been convicted of begetting a bastard child on the body of a certain Margaret Knight, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions held for the county of Philadelphia, the third of December, 1781, and sentenced by the said court to pay to the use of the State the sum of ten pounds specie, &c., and praying remission of the said fine, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Robeson's head quarters be at Fort Muncy; and that the county Lieutenant of Northumberland order the necessary detachments from said county, as to him shall seem expedient; and that the Vice President be requested to write to Colonel Hunter to have the necessary repairs made at Fort Muncy, having due regard to frugality.

The Council took into consideration the appointing an Ensign for the company of Rangers under the command of Captain Thomas Robeson; and Thomas Chambers being proposed, and the ballots being taken, Thomas Chambers was unanimously elected.

Ordered, That Thomas Chambers be appointed Ensign of the said company, and commissioned accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 7th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, for the sum of seventy five pounds specie, in part for his services as one of the Commissioners for superintending the sale of city lots.

The Council resumed the consideration of the appointment of an additional attorney, to appear on the part of this State in the cause respecting the pretensions of Connecticut to lands within the bounds of Pennsylvania, now pending before Congress; and thereupon, Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquire, was appointed to the said service, &

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Jonathan Dickinson, Sergeant, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, as a retaining fee for his service in the said cause.

The Council met.

Thursday, March 7th, 1782, 3 o'clock in the afternoon, agreeably to order of Monday last.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

The Council resumed the consideration of the election of Philadelphia county; & thereupon,

Mr. Vice President moved, that the first part of the sixth charge, found in the affirmative, be considered apart from the last part of the said charge; and the motion being seconded by Doct'r Gardner, the question was put, and carried in the negative.

Moved, that those parts of the sixth charge which have been found in the affirmative, do tend to effect the validity of the election, namely, the first and last part, and the same being seconded,

Agreed to resume the consideration of the election on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Pentecoast.

The Honorable John Beyers, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to John Byers, Esquire:

For attendance in Council from the twenty-seventh of December, 1781, to the eighth of March, 1782, inclusive, 78 days, @ 7s 6 per day, - - -	£68	5	
Mileage 125 miles, @ s6, - - - -	3	2	6
	£71	7	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Byers, for the sum of seventy-one pounds seven shillings specie, amount of the above account.

A return of Justices for the district of Durham and Nockamixon townships, in the county of Bucks, was received and read, by which it appears that Richard Backhouse and George M'Elroy were duly elected Justices for the said district; thereupon,

Ordered, That Richard Backhouse, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bucks, and commissioned accordingly.

A return of Justices for the district containing the township of Pennsbury, East and West Bradford, Newlin and East Fallowfield, in the county of Chester, was received and read, by which it appears that Captain Joseph Luckey and Major Isaac Taylor were duly elected Justices for the said district; thereupon,

Resolved, That Joseph Luckey and Isaac Taylor, Esquires, be appointed Justices of the Peace for the county of Chester, and commissioned accordingly.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, vizt:

To William Milnor, for lots No. 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, and 1496. Consideration two hundred and eight pounds.

To Edward Laskey for lots No. 1311, 1312, 1314, and 1315. Consideration one hundred and forty-nine pounds.

To Edmund Milne, for lots No. 210, 211, 212, and 213. Consideration five hundred and sixty-seven pounds.

To Christian Galley, for lots No. 1339, 1340, and 1341. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To William Sheaff, for lots numbered from 641 to 648. Consideration two hundred and fifteen pounds.

To Jacob Shoemaker, for lot No. 1219. Consideration forty-three pounds.

To Matthias Keely, for lots No. 481 and 482. Consideration seventy-three pounds.

To Davis Bevan, for lots No. 1158, 1159, 1161, and 1162. Consideration two hundred and twenty-two pounds.

Which sums the above mentioned persons have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the 8th of March, 1782.

Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Atlee attended in Council, and informed that having applied to the Delegates in Congress from the State of Connecticutt, and requested information from them respecting a law said to have been passed by that State for raising a regiment for the defence of the western frontiers of that State, the

said Delegates had put into their hands the said law, by which it appears that the expressions used therein are for the defence of Horse-neck, or the western frontiers; but these expressions being equivocal, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Atlee were directed to endeavour to obtain a more explicit declaration of the destination of the said troops.

A petition from George Haines, on behalf of himself and his partner, praying remission of a forfeiture on goods condemned, found on board the ship Perseverance, was read, and referred for further consideration.

On motion,

Agreed, That the Judges of the Supreme Court be requested to give their opinion, in writing, upon the following words of the twentieth section of the Constitution, vizt: "And shall have power to grant pardons and remit fines in all cases whatsoever, except in cases of impeachment, &c," as to the point, does the word fines comprehend forfeitures?

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Byers,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Piper,	

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to the Wardens of the city of Philadelphia, for fourteen city lots, numbered in the general plan of city lots from 1560 to 1573, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed the ninth instant.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties. One for the sum of three hundred and six pounds nine shillings and seven pence halfpenny, specie. And the other for the sum of one hundred and forty-eight pounds thirteen shillings and three pence halfpenny, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying for supplies furnished to the army, for which sums he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of eighteen pounds fifteen shillings specie, for paying for the transportation of arms and am-

munition from the city to Conecocheague, for the defence of the frontiers of Bedford, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

Ordered, That Mr. Byers and Mr. Piper be requested to attend in Council on Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on business of importance.

A return of Justices for the district containing the townships of London Grove, New Garden, and London Britain, in the county of Chester, was received and read, by which it appears that Samuel Millar and David Mackay were duly elected Justices for the said district: Thereupon,

Resolved, That David Mackey, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Chester, and commissioned accordingly.

Adjourned till ten o'clock on Monday morning.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast, and
Mr. Piper,	Gen'l Lacey, (now returned from his family.)

A letter from the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, of the eleventh instant, inclosing an answer to the case stated to them on the eighth instant, was read, and is as follows, vizt:

SIR:—Inclosed, I have the honor to send to Council the opinion of Judge Bryan and myself on the question proposed to the Judges by an act of Council of the eighth instant. It would have been more agreeable to us to have had an opportunity of consulting with our brethren, but as that was not likely to happen prior to the second of next month, and we were informed that the answer was desired as soon as was convenient, you are therefore furnished with it in its present form. By the Constitution there is but one exception to the power of pardoning by the Council, and that is on a conviction by impeachment, where the Council are the Judges, but this cannot be pardoned but by an act of the General Assembly. The

very exception establishes the rule that the Council can pardon in all other cases whatsoever.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant, THOMAS M'KEAN.

Philadelphia, March 11th, A. D., 1782.

Case stated by the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the State of Pennsylvania, for the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Court:

By the twentieth section of the Constitution, the President with the Council, five of whom shall be a quorum, among other powers may "grant pardons and remit fines in all cases whatsoever, except in cases of impeachment, &c."

Question: Does the word fines comprehend forfeitures?

Answer: The Convention who framed the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had been British subjects, had lived under British laws, and at the time had in contemplation the British form of Government, and imitated it as far as they conceived it suitable to the circumstances of the people of the State, and therefore, made a mixed government, and divided the powers thereof into three branches, namely: the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, briefly circumscribing the province of each, drawing the lines of partition between them, and pointing out their principal powers and duties. They knew that the Executive power in in Britain was vested in the King, and the power of pardoning was wholly in the Executive there; and in conformity thereto, they have declared that "the Supreme Executive power should be vested in a President and Council," by the second section of the plan or frame of Government, and in the twentieth section, that they may grant pardons and remit fines in all cases whatsoever, &c

This being premised, we are of opinion that, though the word fines does not comprehend forfeitures, (fines for offences being sums of money which a man is to pay for any contempt or offence against the government, and forfeitures meaning the lands or goods which are lost by a conviction or attainder of treason, felony, &c., or by the breach of some law,) yet forfeitures may be remitted or restored by his Excellency the President and a quorum of the Council, by virtue of the other words "grant pardons in all cases whatsoever." For the effect of a general pardon is to make the offender a new man; to acquit him of all corporal penalties and forfeitures annexed to that offence for which he obtains his pardon. We say a general pardon, for the President and Council may grant an conditional pardon; this is to extend their mercy upon what terms they please, and annex to their bounty a condition, either precedent or subsequent, to the performance whereof the validity of the pardon will depend, and this by the common law.

THOMAS M'KEAN,
GEORGE BRYAN.

Philadelphia, March 9, 1782.

The Council resumed the consideration of the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia.

Moved by the Vice President, that it be

Resolved, That before this Board will proceed to their final determination of the Philadelphia county election, the opinion of the Chief Justice and such of the Puisne Judges as are in town, be taken on such part of the charges as in the opinion of this Board are supported by the evidence; and the motion being seconded by Doctor Gardner, and some debate thereupon had, the question was put; Whereupon,

The Council were divided, there being five yeas and five nays; so the motion was lost.

Moved by the Honorable the Vice President,

That the yeas and nays upon the said question be taken: Whereupon the motion was unanimously agreed to.

The yeas and nays were as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Nays.
1. Vice President,	1. Mr. President,
2. Doctor Gardner,	2. General Ewing,
3. General Lacey,	3. Mr. Van Campen,
4. Mr. Hayes,	4. Mr. Byers,
5. Mr Piper.	5. Mr. Pentecoast.

And so the motion was lost.

The consideration of the election was laid over till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

A letter from William Thompson, dated this day, respecting a commission in Colonel Moylan's regiment, solicited by him, being read and considered,

Ordered, *unanimously*, That Mr. Thompson be informed that the Council do not think it necessary at present to make any new appointment in Colonel Moylan's regiment.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the fifth instant, was read; and the same relating to an extension of authority over the militia in case of a siege,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Griffith Owen, for the sum of twenty two pounds two shillings and six pence, balance of his account for repairing the clock.

A petition from James M'Cullough, setting forth that he hath been convicted of horse stealing upon five several indictments at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at Philadelphia for the county of Philadelphia, the fifth day of March instant, and sentenced upon each of the said indictments to be publicly whipped, stand in the pillory one hour, have both his ears cut off and nailed to the pillory, pay the costs of prosecution, and stand committed till this sentence shall be complied with, and also to pay to the use of the State five several fines, to wit: one of

thirty pounds, two of five pounds, two of twenty pounds, specie, was read, praying remission of the said corporal punishments: A recommendation from the Justices of the said court in favor of the petitioner, being also read & considered; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said corporal punishments be remitted, (except the pilloring and whipping ordered to be inflicted on the thirteenth instant,) on condition that he enlist in the Pennsylvania line, to serve during the present war without bounty; and that he be entitled to receive the State emoluments at the end of the war, if he shall so long behave himself well.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Levan, and
General Lacey,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Piper,	

On motion,

Agreed, that the order of the day be adjourned till four o'clock this afternoon.

On motion,

Ordered, That the matter in controversy between Samuel Lyons, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Cumberland, and Major James Smith, respecting cattle, for which the said Smith claims payment from the State, be on the part of the State, referred for adjustment to referees to be appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of the said county, and that the said Lyons be instructed to submit the same accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency the President, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable the Vice President, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

Resolved, That a company of Colonel Brown's battalion be drawn for the protection of the frontiers of Cumberland county, for the months of April and May, and then to be relieved by a company of Colonel Purdy's battalion, for the months of June and July.

The Council met.

In the afternoon, 4 o'clock, March 12, 1782, agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecoast.
Mr. Ewing,	

On consideration,

Resolved, That Lawrence Earb be appointed Ensign of Captain Philip Shrawder's company of Rangers, raised for the defence of the frontiers of the county of Northampton, and commissioned accordingly.

On consideration,

Resolved, That a company of Colonel Mitchell's battalion of militia of the county of Cumberland, be drawn forth for the protection of the frontiers of Northumberland county, for the months of April and May, and then to be relieved by the company next in order, of the said Battalion, for the months of June and July;

Ordered, That the said company be marched to the county of Northumberland, and to be under the direction of the Lieutenant of the said county.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Andrew Porter be promoted to be Major of the fourth regiment of Artillery, by resolution of Congress, annexed to the line of Pennsylvania, vice Major Eustace, deceased; and that Captain Isaac Craig, be promoted to be Major of the same regiment; Major Porter's commission to bear date the next day following the decease of Major Eustace; and Major Craig's commission to bear date the day next following the date of Major Porter's commission.

The Council resumed the consideration of the election of a councillor for the county of Philadelphia.

Doct'r Gardner presented to the Board a protest against the determination of Council by which a negative is put on the motion for taking the opinion of the Chief Justice and such of the Puisne Justices of the Supreme Court as are in town, &c., on the 11th instant; and the protest is as follows, vizt:

Dissentient:

1. Because divers matters are set forth and inferences drawn in the specific charges touching the said election, which not being

criminal in themselves, can only become so by the express prohibition of some municipal law or parliamentary usage, which in such case becomes law. In a cause, therefore, of such magnitude and importance, which has drawn the attention of other States, and raised so great a ferment in this; we esteem ourselves wholly inexcusable if we should refuse or neglect to obtain every information and assistance which may enable us to decide upon law as well as facts with the utmost clearness and precision.

2. Because we apprehend the present determination will become a precedent in all future elections, and it is indispensably necessary after such objections have been offered and so fully considered, to estimate with legal accuracy how far they ought or ought not to invalidate an election, in order, that if the laws are sufficiently explicit, they may in future be inforced, and if they are defective, they may be supplied and amended. But to form a decision which those skilled in the laws of the land may deem illegal, will, we clearly conceive, expose this Board to deserved censure, lay a foundation for future disputes in elections, occasion a great waste of public time and expenditure of public money, both which have been so much regretted in the present instance.

3. Because, we cannot conceive it derogatory to the honor of the Board to suppose the members unpossessed of that legal knowledge necessary to determine the operation of law on facts so special and particular as those set forth in the specified charges on this election. On the other hand we know, and appeal to legal history for proof, that public bodies the most celebrated for gravity, wisdom, and Senatorial abilities, have thought it incumbent from time to time to consult persons of professional knowledge, whose station and character insured their impartiality, and gave weight and dignity to their decision.

4. Because we apprehend it to be one of the most important and interesting enquiries in a civil government, how far any of its members shall be abridged of their rights as citizens when, for a short time, they become soldiers The law, we apprehend, should be plain, clear and explicit, to invalidate an election for the interference of persons thus circumstanced, or any irregularities in the mode of conducting it, which have not had the manifest and decisive influence on the event We who dissent on this occasion, are not sufficiently informed of the law in this respect, nor, highly as we may esteem the legal abilities of our fellow members, can we suppose they have at once become such able lawyers and distinguished casuists, as to claim our confidence in preference to those who have made that science their particular study and professional duty. And while on the one hand, we would earnestly wish to preserve the freedom of election from undue exertion of power; on the other, we would as earnestly preclude an idea that those defending their country, and on special occasions called from the duties of civil to military life, lose any portion of their privileges in

the former; an idea which, in our opinion, would have the most fatal and discouraging effects upon the militia upon all future occasions. The degree of interference, the mode of it, the irregularities of time and place in holding elections, and manner of conducting them, are facts, but the operation of law upon these facts so as to vacate an election, or only subject the authors of such practices or irregularities to punishments, is quite another consideration, to which, tho' this Board may be competent in jurisdiction, we do not believe it to be in judgment, and, therefore, ought to have availed themselves of that legal assistance and advice which the constitution expressly holds forth in some cases, and implicitly in others, and which has been the usage and practice of the Board on many former occasions, of much less difficulty and importance.

JAMES POTTER, Vice Pres't,
JOHN PIPER,
CHRISTOPHER HAYES,
JOHN LACEY,
JOSEPH GARDNER.

The following dissent of the Honorable James Ewing, Dorsey Pentecoast, and John Van Campen, Esquires, to be entered after the motion for considering seperately the specific charges that have been deemed to be supported by evidence.

We dissent:

1. Because the specific charges deemed by Council to be supported by evidence do not exhibit a true and full state of the testimony. Many of the most important facts that were admitted or incontestably proved, do not appear in the specific charges as they are found. No notice is taken of the general orders of the commander of the militia. It is in clear proof that the tickets were formed by the officers without the consent of the privates; that they were distributed by the officers to the privates only on the morning of the election, or even after that time; that the militia in general had no opportunity of consulting their friends, or such of them as they might have chosen to consult, with regard to the propriety or impropriety of the tickets put into their hands; that the greatest part of the militia who voted at the election voted under the orders of General Lacey. None of those facts, though incontestible and most material, are to be found in the specific charges that are voted to be supported. Are such facts to be disregarded and past over in contemptuous silence? Are they to have no influence on the deliberations and decisions of Council upon this election? Are we to view the whole truth, or are we to shut our eyes against the most clear and essential parts of the testimony? The validity or invalidity of the election must depend on the facts, compared with the law, and not on a specification of them in a set of articles. Council ought to determine on the merits of the election. The election may be void, though a single charge were not supported.

2. Because, to consider the specific charges separately, in order to determine how far each of them to invalidate the election, is to divide, and by dividing to weaken the force of the charges, and (which is of much more consequence) of the evidence. This matter comes before Council on a petition to set the election aside and to order a new one to be made. The final result of the proceedings of Council must be either to set it aside or to establish it. Such previous steps ought to be taken as will lead naturally and directly to this final result. It ought to be the joint result of all the material facts, which may be very different from the separate effects of detached parts of them. The election cannot be properly considered without a collected and comprehensive view of all the circumstances which could have any operation on its necessary and essential properties The necessary & essential properties of an election in this Commonwealth are, "That it be by ballot—that it be free—that it be voluntary." If any of those qualities, much more if all of them, be wanting, the election has not the character, and, therefore, is not entitled to the name of a constitutional election. No election is known to the Constitution that is not possessed of the foregoing essential properties. Before Council ought to establish this election, they ought to be sure that it is such a one as is known to the Constitution. In other words, they ought to find that it has been free and voluntary, and by ballot. This, therefore, we conceive would be the natural and proper question to lead Council to the final result of their proceedings; for a determination of this question must naturally and necessarily determine the only remaining one—whether the election ought to be set aside or established.

3. Because we conceive the method adopted by this resolution precludes the Council from giving a clear and unambiguous vote upon the merits of the election. We are fully satisfied in our judgment, that the facts proved before us render the election unconstitutional and void. They show in our opinion, that it was neither voluntary nor free; it was not voluntary, because the orders were that the officers might grant the soldiery permission to return home after they had severally voted, and not before, and the greatest part of them voted under those orders. They were evidently under restraint. We think the restraint was illegal, and if it was so, it was duress of imprisonment, for the confinement of the person in anywise is an imprisonment, and the law so much discourages unlawful confinement, that if a man is under duress of imprisonment, which means a compulsion by an illegal restraint of liberty until he seals a bond, or the like, he may allege the duress and avoid the extorted bond.

The election was not free. When we speak of a free election, if we wish to apply a constitutional and legal sense to the epithet, we mean to comprehend under it, not only a freedom from force, but also a freedom from any undue influence whatever. Even the request of a man in power, tho' made in the most humble manner,

must always imply a threat, if denied; a promise, if complied with. This will naturally have great influence upon elections. Let those rules be applied to the circumstances proved to have attended the formation, the writing and the distribution of the tickets; let them also be applied to the manner of giving in the tickets; and we apprehend that it will undeniably appear from them that the election was not free.

Of such essential importance is the freedom of elections in every free government, that a positive regulation calculated for protecting and securing it, becomes of indispensable obligation; such is the regulation in the Constitution for voting by ballot. The true reason of it is, as we conceive, to secure elections from undue influence. It is directed that the elector shall vote by ballot, that he may have the power of concealing, if he choses to conceal, from all the world, not only the persons for whom he votes, but those also for whom he doth not vote. But the militia, as it appears from the testimony, had not this in their power. The tickets thus provided and distributed by the officers or by their orders, were of one kind, called the camp tickets. A militia man had no opportunity of altering the tickets put into his hand, but in the presence of his fellow soldiers, and probably of his officers too. By taking the pen or paper into his hand, he was obliged to disclose that he meant either to alter or totally reject the ticket, silently at least, recommended to him by military superiority. Consequently to disclose, either in whole or in part, for whom he did not vote. This shews that this election cannot, according to the true reason and spirit of the regulation, be called an election by ballot. But it shews more. It shows what degree of freedom was meant when it was said in the Constitution "That Elections shall be free." It was a degree of freedom which the elector could not enjoy without having it in his power to conceal his vote, both with respect to the persons inserted and those not inserted in his ticket. Thus, we think, it is proved unanswerably, that the election was not free in the sense and degree intended by the Constitution.

These are our sentiments concerning this election, but we cannot consistently with the mode prescribed in this resolution, comprize and express them in a vote, for though they are founded on facts, in our opinion incontestibly proved, yet those facts are not comprehended in any one of the specific charges which Council have ordered to be considered separately, in order to determine the operation of each. We, therefore, consider ourselves as precluded from a full and fair vote on the merits of this election. For those reasons only, and no other, we must in justice to our consciences, take the liberty of declining to vote on the question as it stands; and therefore, we will retire.

JAMES EWING,
DORSEY PENTECOAST,
JOHN VAN CAMPEN &
JOHN BYERS.

Moved by Doctor Gardner.

WHEREAS, Several members of this Board, wishing to avail themselves of every legal and Constitutional means, to assist their judgments upon such law points as have arisen out of those specific charges which have been deemed to be supported by evidence respecting the late election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia, have obtained an opinion under the hand of the Honorable the Chief Justice and the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, one of the Puisne Judges upon the said points; therefore,

Moved, That the opinion of the Judges upon such of the specific charges as have been deemed to be supported by evidence, be entered on the minutes; and the same being seconded,

The question was put, and the same was carried in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays upon the foregoing vote being called for, are as follows, vizt:

Yeas.	Nays.
1. Mr. Vice President,	1. Mr. President,
2. Doctor Gardner,	2. General Ewing,
3. General Lacey,	3. Mr. Byers.
4. Mr. Levan,	4. Mr. Van Campen,
5. Mr. Hayes, and	5. Mr. Pentecoast.
6. Mr. Piper.	

The charges deemed to be supported by evidence, are as follows, vizt:

6th. First part, viz: "That upon the 8th day of October a part of the militia marched under the command of Colonel Bitting for Wentz's tavern, and the remainder of them under Col'l M'Veaugh, for Germantown, at which places the said elections were held; and before their arrival there the said tickets were delivered them by the said Colonels and by their orders."

Last part, viz: "Or of acting and judging like freemen, as of right they ought to have done."

12. "That when Phineas Roberts, who had two sons and a son-in-law in the militia who had been ordered into Jersey upon duty, attempted to speak to them in the ranks relative to their welfare, at the request of their wives and families, he was reprimanded by Major Hanna, and another officer whose name is unknown, for so doing, and was told he had no business to speak to the men, or to attempt biassing their minds."

14. "That James Fulton, an Inspector at Germantown, after receiving two tickets and the Electors had retired, opened, read, and tore them to pieces.

16. "That Major Bethel, Captain Ashmead, and Captain Nice, acted as Inspectors."

17. "That a large bundle of tickets was delivered by Captain Hazlet, an Inspector at Germantown, out of his box to Mr. Englo to call out, which he did, though he was not an Inspector."

18. "The election was opened after two o'clock in the afternoon."

19. "That at Wentz's many of the Inspectors did not stay till the tickets were counted; and that Andrew Knox, Esquire, who acted in the double capacity of Deputy of the Sheriff and as a Judge of the election, also acted as Inspector, without really being such, delivered the tickets out of a box for a time, and called out the names, and then desired Jacob Linld, who was not an Inspector or under oath, to do it for him, which he did. That Mr. Linld said as the tickets appeared to be all camp-tickets, he might as well lump them; and did so, without calling out the names, to the amount of upwards of seventy."

21. "Jacob Ashton, an Inspector, received a ticket from Joseph Delany, an apprentice."

22. "That at the election at Wentz's, Colonel Bitting reprimanded a man for altering his ticket and tore it."

The opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Court on the foregoing charges, vizt:

Answers to the questions proposed:

1. The officers of the militia violated no law by barely marching their private men under military command to the places of election within the county of which they were inhabitants, and they, or any other persons, had an undoubted right to furnish them with tickets, and to advise them to vote accordingly. The latter part of this question appears to be incomplete; however, if the meaning is that the private men in the militia were prevented from "acting and judging like freemen," the following questions will occur: How many were thus prevented? By whom were they prevented? In what manner were they prevented? Were they restrained from voting or compelled to vote through violence or fear? Without these are answered, no opinion can be given to this part of the proposed question.

2. This charge depends upon the nature and effect of Major Hanna's and the other officer's reprimand. This is not stated. If Phineas Roberts, notwithstanding this reprimand, did speak to his sons, no injury was received. The consequence of the reprimand is the material part; but this does not appear. Upon this state of the question we can perceive no ground for legal punishment, much less for making the election void.

3. As Major Bethel and the two Captains were employed only in depositing the tickets in the box after they had passed through the hands of the Inspectors and were read by them, there is no reason for judicial censure, nor the least foundation for vacating the election on this account. The act of Assembly passed in 1705, directs that the election shall be conducted in the presence of the

Sheriff, Judges and Inspectors, not that they shall personally perform every immaterial little act relating to it.

4. We apprehend that Mr. Engle, as a Judge of the election, was in the discharge of his duty, and not an intruder upon the province of the Inspectors, in reading or calling out tickets when casting up the polls. By the act of Assembly passed February the 8th, 1766, he had a concurrent power with the Sheriff and Inspectors to read, count, and cast up the votes.

5. It does not seem to be a sufficient ground to set the election aside because it was not opened till after two o'clock. The act directs that the election shall begin before that hour, but does not make this act of so much consequence as that the election should be void in case it was begun after that hour. If this had been the intention of the Legislature, they certainly would have made it so by express words; but it is only directory, and mentions that as the most convenient. However, an officer may be punishable for a neglect of duty. The people are not to be deprived of Representatives on account of this omission.

6. As there appears to be no fraud nor injury in this transaction, (though it was not conformable to the directions of the act of Assembly,) we do not conceive it a sufficient reason for vacating the election.

7. The election ought not to be declared void because some of the Inspectors left their stations before the election was ended. They indeed were offenders, and may be punished for not performing their duty, unless they quit their stations through indisposition or some other good cause.

If elections were to be set aside for irregularities which do not affect, obviously and materially, the truth of the poll, the craft of the Judges or Inspectors might lead them to contrive such departure from duty, or to commit some irregularity, in order to overturn an election, in case they should dislike the event of it. The rights of the people do not depend upon so precarious a foundation.

8. This question is not stated with sufficient precision. It does not appear whether the Inspectors knew the apprentice to be such, or whether he was under age. Deceptions respecting unqualified persons often happen, but it would be very wrong to set aside an election for a whole county, upon proof of a single instance of this kind, especially if the sitting member has more than a bare majority. The utmost that ought to be done in this case, would be to subtract the vote from the sitting member.

9. Though Colonel Bitting reprimanded a man for altering his ticket, and tore it to pieces at the place of election, yet this is not a good reason for vacating the election. For aught that appears, the man may have procured another ticket and delivered it to the proper Inspector. It might not have been a ticket for a Councillor. Be this as it may, it does not appear to us a sufficient ground

for declaring an election void, because one elector reprimanded another for altering a ticket which he had received from him, or because he re-took the ticket he had before furnished and tore it. If it should be determined otherwise, it would be in the power of any man to set aside any election, because any man may reprimand another in this way, and proceed to tear a ticket did he not approve.

Upon the whole, fraud, force, or undue influence, may in some instances be sufficient reasons for declaring an election void, but no irregularity, excepting such an one as would render it uncertain whether the candidate returned had a majority of the free votes of qualified electors, (that being the substantial point,) ought in our opinion, to affect the rights of the representative or represented, especially where they had no share in it; but in such case, the person committing the offence should be duly punished, according to the nature of it. The true distinction is between the public and private wrong, the generality and particularity of the injury.

PHILADELPHIA, *March* 12, 1782. } THOMAS M'KEAN, GEORGE BRYAN.

Moved, That the Board do now proceed to consider separately such of the specific charges as have been deemed to be supported by evidence, in order to determine how far each of them ought or ought not to invalidate the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia; and the motion being seconded,

The question was put and carried in the affirmative.

[See the dissent of Messrs. Ewing, Pentecoast and Van Campen, antea. 3, pa. 96, &c.]

The first part of the sixth charge being read,

The question was put, does this part of the said election? and carried in the negative.

Hereupon, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Byers declared they would not vote upon any question relating to the election, upon the ground now determined, and accordingly they withdrew immediately.

Mr. Pentecoast and Mr. Van Campen likewise retired.

The third part of the said sixth charge being read and considered,

The question was put, does this part of the sixth charge tend to invalidate the election? and carried in the negative.

The twelfth charge being read and considered,

The question was put, does this charge tend to invalidate the election? and carried in the negative unanimously.

The sixteenth charge was read, and

The question being put, does this charge tend to invalidate the election? was carried in the negative.

The seventeenth charge was read, and the question being put, does this charge tend to invalidate the election? was carried in the negative unanimously.

The eighteenth charge being read, and the resolution of Council that the election was opened after two o'clock, the question was put, does the opening of the election after two o'clock tend to invalidate the election? was carried in the negative.

The nineteenth charge was read, and the part declared by Council to be well-founded considered, and the question being put, does this part so declared to be well-founded tend to invalidate the election? was carried in the negative.

The twenty-first charge being read, and so much thereof as the Council have declared to be well-founded considered, the question was put, does this charge tend to invalidate the election? and carried in the affirmative unanimously.

The twenty-second charge was read, and so much thereof as the Council have declared to be well founded considered, the question was put, does this tend to invalidate the election? and carried in the negative.

The prayer of the petitioners against the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia, was read, and the Council having investigated and considered the charges alleged in support of their petition,

The question was put, shall the election of a Councillor for the county of Philadelphia be set aside, and a new election ordered? and carried in the negative.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Piper,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of four hundred pounds specie, for purchasing ammunition, &c., for the defence of the frontiers of this State.

An order was drawn in favor of the said Commissary, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his pay as Commissary, for which he is to account.

The Honorable John Piper, Esquire, presented the following account for his attendance in Council, vizt:

From the twenty-second day of December, 1781, to the fifteenth of March instant, 85 days, @ 17s 6 per day, - - - - - - - - - -	£74 7 6
Mileage 190 miles @ s6, - - - - - -	4 15
	£79 5 6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-nine pounds five shillings and six pence specie, amount of the above account.

A petition from Philip Frick, William Hoofman and Andrew Gibson, convicted of retailing spirituous liquors at a court of General Quarter Sessions held for the county of Northumberland, without a licence so to do, was read, and the same was rejected.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Piper,	

The Board having re-considered the resolution of the twelfth instant, with respect to the promotions of Captains Andrew Porter and Isaac Craig to the rank of Majors in the fourth regiment of Artillery, by resolution of Congress, annexed to the line of Pennsylvania, have

Ordered, That Captain Porter's commission as Major in the said regiment, shall bear date as of the nineteenth of April, 1781, and that Captain Craig's commission as Major in the said regiment, on the next day after the death of Major Eustace, anything in the said order notwithstanding.

The Honorable James Craig, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, viz:

For attendance in Council from the twenty-third to the twenty-fourth of November, 1781, a 25s per day,	£	2	10 0
From the twenty-second of January to the sixteenth of March, 1782, inclusive, 53 days, a 17s 6,	46	7	6
Mileage 79 miles, coming to Philadelphia and returning, a s6,	3	19	
	£52	16	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, for the sum of fifty-two pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, specie, amount of the said account.

The Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council from the twentieth of December, 1781, to the fourteenth day of March, 1782, 84 days a 17s 6,	£73	10	0
Mileage 310 a s6,	7	15	9
	£81	5	0

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-one pounds five shillings, amount of the above account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 15th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Piper,	Mr. Pentecost.

Mr. Delaney, Mr. James McLane, Mr. Duncan, and Mr Wynkoop, a Committee of the Honorable House of Assembly, attended

agreeably to request of the Council, and a free conference was had respecting the defence of the frontiers.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Byrnes, for city lots number from 1642 to 1684. Consideration seven hundred and sixty nine pounds. Sold for redemption of money of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780 Deed dated the twelfth of March, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Piper,
Mr. Hayes, and
Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer on favor of Daniel Wimmeldorf, for forty pounds eighteen shillings specie, for forty-two ream of paper, for printing the laws of the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Pentecost.

The Honorable Dorset Pentecost, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania in account with Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire.

For attendance in Council from the twentieth of December, 1781, to the twenty-third day of March, 1782, 94 days @ 17s. 6 - - - - £82 5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-two pounds five shillings specie, amount of the said account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That Joseph Reed, Esquire, be appointed Counsel to assist the Attorney General in the cause now depending in the county of Berks respecting the Big Spring tract, late the estate of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Joseph Reed, Esquire, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, as a retaining fee.

A petition from the officers of the sixth battalion of the militia of the county of Berks, praying that the Lieutenant of the said county may be directed to discharge the arrearages of pay due to the said battalion, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a copy thereof be transmitted to the Lieutenant of the said county, and that he be reminded of his duty to pay the militia out of the militia fines.

The following deeds were examined and signed by His Excellency the President, vizt:

To John Mease for city lots No. 379, 380 and 381, marked in the general plan of city lots, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Consideration one hundred and eighteen pounds.

To Ebenezer Carson, for a tract of land situate in the township of Tinicum, in the county of Bucks, containing one hundred and two acres and one hundred and ten perches: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as part of the estate late of John Reid, an attainted traitor, to the said Ebenezer Carson, for the sum of one hundred and forty-one pounds three shillings in depreciation certificates, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deeds dated the sixteenth day of March, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Levan.

The Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania in account with Henry Wynkoop, Esquire.

To attendance in Congress from December 18th, 1780, to April 7, 1781, inclusive, 111 days @ 30s.	£166	10	0
Ditto from Nov. 27, 1781, till the 19th January, 1782, inclusive, 54 days, @ 30s. - - - - -	81		
Mileage on the last year's appointment, going and returning, 45 miles, @ 1s. 2 - - - -	2		
Ditto on the present appointment, do. @ s6 - -	1	2	6
	£250	17	6

Contra.	Cr.		
1781, Jan'y 6. By cash received from Mr. Rittenhouse per order of Council,	£50		
March 27. By ditto - - -	50		
	100		
Ballance - - - - -	£150	17	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, ballance of the above account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Osborne, Esquire, for the sum of thirty eight pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for thirty-five days service as Clerk to the Committee of Council for hearing the evidence respecting Philadelphia election.

The Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, presented to the Board his account:

For attendance in Council from the 31st of October till the 4th of December, 1781, 35 days a 17 s. 6	£30 12 6
Mileage 120 miles at s6 - - - - -	3
	£33 12 6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-three pounds twelve shillings and six pence, amount of the said account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Van Camper, and
Mr. Pentecost.

A resolution of the Honorable House of Assembly of the twentieth instant was read, referring two petitions to the consideration of this Board, vizt:—A petition from divers inhabitants of Mount Bethel township, in Northampton county, with respect to the militia fines; and the other from inhabitants of Mount Bethel township, in Northampton county, with respect to the public taxes. Thereupon,

Ordered, That the former petition be transmitted to the Lieutenant of the county of Northampton; and that the latter be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Taxes of the said county; and that the said Lieutenant and Commissioners be requested to report thereon as soon as may be.

A return of a tract of land situate in Middleton township in the county of Bucks, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres and three-quarters and thirteen perches, late the estate of Joseph Paxson, forfeited to the use of the State, was presented to the Board, signed by George Wall, Jun'r, Agent for Forfeited Estates in the said county; and the same being read and considered,

Resolved, That Timothy Taylor, Esquire, and Captan Augustine Willett, be appointed to view the said tract of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, and make a return of the

value thereof to this Board, according to the best of their skill and judgment, in order that the same may be assigned to the use of the University.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
General Lacey,	Mr. Pentecost.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 22, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Borden, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings specie, amount of his account for flour furnished to the officers and men of the State fleet, in the year 1778, to be charged to William Crispin, late Commissary.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Messrs. Charles Pettit and Thomas Fitzsimmons, thirty muskets, thirty pair of pistols, or as many as he may have, not exceeding that number, one hundred cutlasses, one thousand weight of cannon-powder, one thousand of six and nine pound shot, fifty pikes, nine hundred musket cartridges; and that he take their receipt to return the said articles or pay the amount.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 23d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Pentecost.

Ordered, That the sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia do make return to Council by eleven o'clock on Monday next, of the names of the owners of the merchandize from St. Thomas's, lately sold as confiscated, with the amount due to the State of each owner's sale.

On consideration,

Ordered, That James Alison be appointed Sub-lieutenant of the county of Washington, in the room of David Leet, who has resigned.

Ordered, That Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquire, be retained as Council on the part of the State, in the cause now pending between this State and Baron Hurst and company.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty pounds specie, be given to the said Mr. Sergeant as a retaining fee, and the like sum to the Attorney General, for their services in the said cause.

WHEREAS, Representation has been made to this Board, that divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, which have lately been sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, held by persons acting in the Quarter Master's department:

And whereas, It is highly proper and necessary that the purchasers should be put into the possession thereof; therefore,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, do accordingly forthwith put the respective purchasers into possession of the lots which they have purchased, and for which deeds have been granted by this Council.

Ordered, That Tuesday next be appointed to hear the petition of Benjamin Davis, respecting a city lot claimed by him.

A petition from Catharine Dorsey, convicted of stealing the goods of Thomas Cuthbert, at the last city court, and sentenced to be publicly whipped, pay a fine of thirty shillings to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fine and corporal punishment. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fine be remitted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Pentecost.

A petition from Benjamin Shoemaker, praying a pass to the city of New York and permission to return, was read and rejected, it being contrary to a rule of this Board, to grant passes to New York with permission to return.

Agreed, That a pass be granted to the petitioner to go to Elizabethtown, and to return again.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General, or his order, for the sum of forty pounds specie, as a fee for himself and any other lawyer he may take to his assistance, in the cause now pending between this State and General Roberdeau, respecting lands in Bedford county, commonly called the lead mine tract; and

One other order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Attorney General, for the sum of thirty pounds, for his services in the cause now pending between this State and the children of Andrew Allen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 26th, 1782

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Pentecost.

WHEREAS, Divers persons who have purchased lots of land on Province Island, and city lots sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, have not completed the payments; therefore, agreeably to the conditions of sale, and it is indispensably necessary that the said payments be immediately completed,

Ordered, That all persons who shall neglect to compleat their payment for the said lots of land and city lots on or before the fifteenth day of April, be proceeded against according to law:—That public notice be given, and that after the said fifteenth day of April the Attorney General do accordingly proceed against all delinquents, without further notice.

Mr. Meredith, Mr. John Motgomery, and Mr. Whitehill, a committee of the General Assembly to enquire what steps have been taken by the Agent of this State employed in Holland, for the purpose of negotiating a loan, attended in Council; whereupon, the letters, &c., relative to the same, was communicated to the said committee; and it was

Agreed to be proper to write to Mr. Searl, and direct him, in case he should not have shipped the arms purchased by him before the letter shall reach him, to forbear to ship them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his account for his services as one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Holker, Esquire, for the sum of eight hundred and fifty-seven pounds ten shillings specie, being in full of the balance of his account with the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Penticost.

The Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council from the 21st of December, 1781, till March 27, 1782, inclusive, 97 days, a 17s 6 p day, - - - - -	£84 17 6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of eighty-four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, amount of his said account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Shee, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-two pounds ten shillings specie, for his services as one of the Auditors of the Public Accounts of this State to the seventeenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Jacob Morris, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds specie, in full for his services as one of the Auditors of the said accounts to the sixteenth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel J. Atlee, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

The Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council from the 12th to the 27th of March, 1782, 15 days, a 17s 6, - - - £13 2 6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for the sum of thirteen pounds two shillings and six pence specie, amount of the said account.

On consideration,

Resolved, That the Honorable Mr. Vice President, Mr. Pentecost, and Mr. Van Campen, be appointed a committee to draw up a message to the Honorable House of Assembly, respecting the frontiers.

Resolved, That Doct'r Gardner, Mr. Bayard, and General Lacey, be appointed a committee to take into consideration the case of Thomas Hale, now confined in the old gaol, and make report to this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 28th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen,
General Lacey,	Mr. Pentecost, and
Doctor Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Mr. Van Campen, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Henry, Esquire, of Lancaster, for the sum of eight hundred and twenty-five pounds fifteen shillings and one penny half-penny, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, balance of his State money account for paying gratuities to the retained soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, allowed by Assembly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Henry, Esquire, of Lancaster, for the sum of two hundred and sixty-two pounds eighteen shillings and three pence specie, balance of his specie account for paying gratuities as aforesaid.

A return of Justices for Huntingdon township, in the county of Westmoreland, was received and read, by which it appears that Nehemiah Stokely, Thomas Jones, and James Amberson, were duly elected Justices for the said township; thereupon, on consideration,

Ordered, That Nehemiah Stokely be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland, and commissioned accordingly.

A remonstrance of Francis Proctor, Captain in the fourth regiment of Artillery annexed to the line of Pennsylvania, setting forth his right to a majority in the said regiment, and praying this Board to take the case into consideration, and grant him some relief in the premises, was read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

General Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Pentecost.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Pentecost.

A petition from Mary Knight, praying a pass to Elizabethtown, and to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said pass be granted.

A petition from William Green, convicted of fornication at a Court of General Quarter Sessions held in the county of Chester, and sentenced to pay to the use of the State a fine of ten pounds, &c., was read, praying remission of the said fine; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Henry Epple, on the part and behalf of Colonel Stephen Balliot, attended in Council, and agreed to supply the Ranging company stationed in the county of Northampton, and such of the militia as shall be called into service from time to time for the defence of the frontiers within the said county, at ten pence half penny per ration, to be issued by him to the said company and militia, wherever they may be within the said county, free from expence to the State. The certificates of delivery to be countersigned by the Lieutenant of the said county, and payment to be made monthly, in specie.

The ration to consist of—

One pound of bread.
One pound of beef, or ¾ lb of pork.
One jill of whiskey per day, and
One quart of salt and two quarts of vinegar, } to every hundred rations.
Eight pounds of soap and three pounds of candles, } to every seven hundred rations.

The Board being informed by letter and a return inclosed, of the fourth of February last, from Colonel James Marshall, Lieutenant of the county of Washington, that there were irregularities in the election of some of the militia officers of the said county, and others had refused to serve; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Lieutenant be directed to proceed, with all convenient speed, to fill up the said vacancies agreeably to law, in order that commissions may issue.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for sundry lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold

agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of the city lots as follows, vizt:

To Colonel Richard Humpton, for lot marked F. Consideration one hundred and sixty pounds.

To Mr. Andrew Epple, for lots marked G., H., & I. Consideration four hundred and eleven pounds.

To Charles Syng and John Graff, for lots marked M., N., & R. Consideration five hundred two pounds.

To Michael Mease, for lots No. 371 and 372. Consideration one hundred and ten pounds.

To Michael Gratz, for lots No. 405, 406, 407, 408, and 409. Consideration eighty-five pounds.

To Elizabeth Morris, for lots No. 505, 506, and 507. Consideration ninety-four pounds.

To James Clark, for lots No. 1168, 1169, & 1170. Consideration one hundred and forty-nine pounds.

To Captain Andrew Porter, for lot No. 1554. Consideration forty-seven pounds.

All which sums have been paid into the hands of the Treasurer. Deeds dated this day.

To Major James Parr, for a messuage and plantation, situate on the banks of Schuylkill, in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia county: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Samuel Shoemaker, an attained traitor, for the sum of five thousand pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of said county. Deed dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Pentecost.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Benjamin Blythe, for eighteen pounds fifteen shillings specie, to be paid to Colonel Abraham Smith, Lieutenant of Cumberland county, for procuring provisions for the militia of said county called into service, for which the said Colonel Smith is to account.

In favor of Captain Philip Shrawder, for the sum of thirty-five pounds specie, for the purpose of paying in part the Ranging company under his command in Northampton county, for which the said Captain Shrawder is to account.

In favor of said Captain Philip Shrawder, for the sum of eighty pounds specie, to be paid to John Arndt, Esquire, for the purpose of recruiting the Ranging company under the command of said Shrawder, for which the said John Arndt is to account.

In favor of Colonel Richard Hampton, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

On motion, at the request of James Hutchison,

Ordered, That a certificate be given to Doctor James Hutchinson, certifying that he hath not received from this State pay, rations, or perquisites, as Surgeon of the militia of the State, at any other or longer time than the militia hath been actually in service; and that he doth not, nor ever did, hold a sinecure office of any kind whatsoever under the appointment of this Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 2nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds nineteen shillings and two pence specie, amount of his account for his wages as Door-keeper to the thirty-first day of March last, and cash paid for sundry articles for the use of the Council.

In favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds specie, for purchasing powder and lead for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to William Browne, Esquire, one hundred and fifty weight of lead, seventy-five weight of powder, and two hundred and fifty flints, to be forwarded to Colonel Arthur Buchanan, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, for the use of the militia of the said county now called into service.

Ordered, That the said Commissary be directed to deliver to the said William Browne twenty-five weight of powder, fifty weight of

lead, and one hundred flints, to be forwarded to Colonel Frederick Watt, Sub-Lieutenant of said county, for the purpose aforesaid.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings specie, to be paid to Adam Poe, for taking an Indian scalp in the county of Washington, agreeably to the proclamation of this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 3, 1782.

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

A return of Justices for the township of Somerset in the county of Washington, was received and read, by which it appears that William Parker and John Stevenson were duly elected Justices for the said township; thereupon,

Resolved, That William Parker, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Washington, and commissioned accordingly.

A petition from Captain James Wilson and Marcus Young, praying passes to L'Orient in France, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the sum of three hundred and twenty-three pounds twelve shilling and six pence specie, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said city and liberties lately called into service; the same to be charged to Colonel William Henry, and to be paid out of monies arising from militia fines.

The committee appointed to prepare a message to the General Assembly respecting the defence of the frontiers, brought in a draught of a message, which is as follows, viz:

A message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN:—The intelligence which has been received from the frontiers of the State respecting the ravages of the Indians, and the murders which they have committed at this early season, leaves no room to doubt of their determination to exert their utmost power to distress us during the present year, and confirm the accounts we had received from Fort Pitt, Washington, &c., of the combinations formed by them for that purpose. The defence of the frontiers has been committed to Council by a vote of your Honorable House, and a

subsequent resolution has empowered us to draw from the Treasury for this purpose, any monies which may be found there but how extensive soever this power may seem to be in words, it is a fact which we feel the utmost reluctance thus publicly to acknowledge, that the low state of the Treasury has rendered it totally inadequate to the purpose for which it was intended. It has not been in our power to furnish the money in due time for raising the Ranging companies ordered for that defence, and it has been with great difficulty that we have been able to advance even very small sums to those who have contracted to supply the necessary provisions for the forces intended for that quarter, and there is not now any money in the Treasury subject to our order under that resolution; and as to the resolve of the first instant, appropriating to this purpose the arrears of the late eighteen penny taxes, if there were no reason to apprehend difficulties or delays in collecting them, these would be so very far short of being sufficient for any effectual defence, that we could not think of entering into the necessary contracts, knowing that it must be impossible for us to fulfil them.

Had the Council no other objects than to justify themselves to their constituents, they would only have to shew to them that the monies put into their hands for the defence of the frontiers had been faithfully applied to that purpose, but justice to the brave men who lie exposed to the incursions of a savage enemy, will not permit us to neglect a single measure that is in our power for their security. We, therefore, feel it to be our duty to press your Honorable House, in the strongest terms, to make an immediate provision for their defence, without which the three companies of militia ordered from Cumberland county to the protection of that county, and the assistance of Bedford and Northumberland counties, must unavoidably return, the companies destined for the defence of the frontiers be disbanded, and those unhappy people who lie exposed, be left a pray to the enemy, or escaping by flight, expose others to the like dangers and destruction.

WILLIAM MOORE, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, April 2nd, 1782.

And the said message being read and considered, was agreed; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be presented to the General Assembly.

On consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to Owen Jones, Jun'r, Deborah Mitchell, Ann Howell, and Margaret Rhoorback, to go to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Gardner,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Nathan Boys, for the sum of fifteen pounds fifteen shillings specie, amount of expences attending the sale of galley stores belonging to the State.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of city lots as follow, vizt:

To Colonel Francis Johnston, for lot No. 443. Consideration seventy-three pounds.

To Joseph Kerr, for lot No. 532. Consideration sixty-nine pounds.

To Lewis Grant, for five lots, numbered from 1113 to 1117, inclusive. Consideration one hundred and seventy-five pounds.

To ditto, for four lots, No. 546, 547, 548, and 549. Consideration one hundred and eighty-five pounds.

To Alexander Carlisle, for lot No. 640. Consideration thirty-six pounds.

To James Budden, for sixteen lots, numbered from 706 to 721. Consideration six hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

To Benjamin Harbeson, for lots No. 754, 755, 756, and 757. Consideration ninety pounds.

To John Cornish, for lots No. 797, 798, and 799. Consideration seventy-eight pounds.

To James Budden, for lots No. 938 to 940, and 941, 944, and 945. Consideration six hundred and six pounds.

To Benjamin Randolph, for lots No. 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, and 985. Consideration two hundred and forty pounds.

To John McKim, for lots No. 1008 and 1009. Consideration one hundred and five pounds.

To Benjamin Harbeson, for lots No 1061 to 1064, and 1122, 1123, and 1124. Consideration one hundred and eighty-nine pounds.

To John McKim, for lots numbered from 1143 to 1147. Consideration one hundred and twenty-two pounds.

To John Kaighn, for lots No. 1279 and 1280. Consideration one hundred and forty-two pounds.

To Benjamin Harbeson, for lots numbered from 1202 to 1209. Consideration two hundred and ninety-six pounds.

To John McKim, for lots No. from 1179 to 1185. Consideration two hundred and seventy-seven pounds.

To John Kaighn, for lot No. 1196. Consideration fifty pounds.

To John Pearson, for lots No. 1583 and 1584. Consideration one hundred and eighty pounds.

To George Gratz, for lots No. 1342, 1343, and 1344. Consideration one hundred and one pounds.

To Benjamin Randolph, for lots marked K and L. Consideration two hundred and sixty pounds.

All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the fourth instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Captain John Doyle, conveying a certain lot of ground, situate in the town of Lebanon, containing about five acres, seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Nicholas Housseeker, an attainted traitor, to Captain John Doyle, for the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five pounds specie, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county of Lancaster. Deed dated the fourth instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Twaddle, conveying a certain plantation, situate in the township of Ashton, in the county of Chester, containing seventy-nine acres and one quarter, late the estate of William Maddock, an attainted traitor: Seized and sold agreeably to law, to the said James Twaddle, for the sum of four thousand one hundred pounds Continental money, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the fourth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 5, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Pentecost.
Mr. Bayard,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, Esquire, for the sum of twenty pounds, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, for the sum of fifty pounds eight shillings specie, for boarding sundry disabled galley men, &c.

A petition from Frederick Sneider, Doorkeeper to this Board, setting forth, that on or about the twenty-fifth of November, 1780, he aided and assisted Mr. Thomas Bradford in apprehending a certain Steelman, Black, and Shaw, taken up by order of this Board, for carrying on an illicit trade with the enemy, at New York; that certain goods were seized and sold as confiscated, the property of the said persons, and praying to be allowed for his services therein, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred for further consideration.

A petition from Henry Spering, of the county of Northampton, in behalf of himself and other children of John Spering, late of the said county, an attainted traitor, praying some relief from this Board, with respect to the forfeited estate of their said father, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 6, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Pentecost.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Alexander M'Clean, Esquire, be appointed on the part of Pennsylvania, to run the line between this State and Virginia, agreeably to instructions to be given him for that purpose, and that his appointment be under the seal of the State.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Washington be authorized and required to call into service, and put under the direction of Alexander McClean, Esquire, such number of militia as the said McClean may judge necessary for guards to the Commissioners for running the line between the States of Virginia and Pennsylvania, not exceeding one hundred.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Honorable the Secretary at War, that a commission be issued to Worsley Emes, as Captain in the Pennsylvania Artillery regiment, to bear date September the twenty sixth, 1780; and that a commission be also issued to Matthew Maguire, as Captain Lieutenant in the same regiment, to bear date on the same day.

A petition from Ludowick Kale, convicted of horse stealing, praying remission of his corporal punishment, was read; and the same was rejected.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Lacey,
Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Pentecost.

The Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, from the twenty-fourth of March till the 9th of April, 1782; 17 days a 17 s6. £14 17 6; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for the sum of fourteen pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence specie, amount of the above account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Alexander M'Clean, Esquire, for the sum of two pounds four shillings and nine pence specie, in full of his account for his services as Commissioner for running a temporary line between this State and Virginia.

A petition from Martha Nicholls, praying permission for herself, her daughter Martha, and her son Scudamore, to go into New York not to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said permission be granted.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland be authorized and required to call into service and put under the direction of Alexander M'Clean, Esquire, such number of militia as the said M'Clean shall judge necessary, for guards to the Commissioners for running the line between the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia, not exceeding one hundred.

A resolution of the House of Assembly of the sixth instant, appointing George Campbell, Esquire, to be Register for the Probate of Wills and granting letters of administration for the city and

county of Philadelphia; and John Beatton to be Register for the Probate of Wills and granting letters of administration. and Recorder of Deeds, for the county of Chester, was read; and,

Ordered, To be filed.

A petition from Alexander M'Clean, Esq'r, praying to be appointed to be Prothonotary of the new county to be laid off on the western frontiers, was read; and,

Ordered, To be filed.

A petition from Solomon Meyers Cohen, praying a pass to the city of New York and to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

A petition from Isabella Campbell, praying a pass to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be not granted, but that a pass to Elizabethtown and to return, be granted to the petitioner.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr Lacey,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Pentecost, and
Mr. Cunningham.

A petition from John Hood, praying a pass to the city of New York, was read; and the same was dismissed.

Resolved, That permission be granted to Captain Thomas Prizgard, to export from this State the following articles and quantities expressed, to wit: Three beaver hats, two kegs of garden seeds, one bag of garden peas, one thousand staves, and two hundred and fifty heading, in the brigantine Commodore Lafarey, bearing a flag of truce, and bound to Antigua; and a permission was made out under the less seal of the State accordingly.

A letter from the Honorable Benjamin Lincoln, Esquire, of this day, was received and read, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the thirtieth of March last, giving a reward of three pounds for every prisoner of war that shall be apprehended and secured in any gaol, to be paid by the State in which such prisoner shall be apprehended, and charged to the United States, together with one-eighth of a dollar per mile for travelling charges, was read; and,

Ordered, To be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 10, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Penticost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Daniel Rees and Daniel Montgomery, for the sum of fifty-six pounds ten shillings and ten pence specie, in part of their contract for supplying the troops stationed in the county of Northumberland, for which sum they are to account.

A pass was granted to Mary Taylor, to go to Elizabethtown, in New Jersey, and to return.

Passes were granted to Henry Geiger and Joseph Stump, to go to foreign parts, other than the dominions of the King of Great Britain.

The following accounts of James Read for attendance in Council:

State of Pennsylvania to James Read, Esquire.

For atttendance in Council, to wit, inclusive:

From the 24th of November, 1778, till the 31st of January, 1779, 69 days, @ £2 5, - -	£	155	5	
" the 1st of February, 1779, till the fourth of March, 32 days, @ £3, - - - - -		96	0	
" the 10th of May, 1779, till the 27th November, 202 days, a £7 10, - - - - -		1,515		
" the 28th Nov. 1779, till the 24th March, 1780, 117 days, a £12, - - - - - -		1,404		
" the 25th March 1779, till the 25th May, 1780, 62 days, a £16, - - - - - -		992		
" the 11th Aug't, 1779, till 1st June, 1781, 295 days, a £50, - - - - - - -		14,750		
Mileage, 56 miles out & 56 miles home,				
1779, 112 miles, a 2s 6, - - - - - -		14		
" do 5s, - - - - - -		28		
1780, do 12s 6, - - - - - -		70		
" do 16s 8, - - - - - -		93	6	8
1781, do 41s 8, - - - - - -		233	6	8
" do do - - - - - -		233	6	8
Continental,	£	19,584	5	0

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By cash received of Mr. Rittenhouse,			
1779, Feb. 18th,		£ 200	
July 15th,		150	
Sept'r 5th,		200	
Nov. 3d,		1,100	
1780, January 13th,		1,000	
May 22d,		1,200	
Sept'r 9th,		1,000	
Oct'r 4th,		2,000	
Nov'r 28th,		2,000	
Decem'r 21,		1,500	
			10,350
Continental,			£9,234 5
Balance of £9,234 5 Continental, brought from above, a exch'e of 75 for 1, is, specie,			£123 3
To attendance in Council from the 2d till the 4th of June, 1781, inclusive, a 25s,			3 15
			£126 18
Contra. By an order on the Treasurer for			35
Balance in specie,			£91 18

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Read, Esquire, for the sum of ninety-one pounds eighteen shillings specie, balance of the foregoing account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 11th, 1782.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Penticost.

The return of Timothy Taylor, Esquire, and Augustine Willet, Esquire, appointed by order of the Council of the twentieth of March last, to view and make return of the value of a tract of land situate in Middleton township, in the county of Bucks, containing

one hundred and twenty-five acres and three-quarters and thirteen perches, late the estate of Joseph Paxson, an attainted traitor, in order that the same may be assigned to the University of this State, was read, by which return it appears that the said tract of land, with the buildings and other improvements thereon, is of the value of seven pounds per acre; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said estate be assigned to the University of this State, that the same be now delivered to the Trustees, and that the said institution be charged therewith, according to the aforesaid valuation, in the estimation of estates so assigned, agreeably to the act of General Assembly directing the same.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 12th, 1782.

PRESENT:

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Penticost.

Mr. Dougherty, Mr. M'Lene and Mr. Wynkoop, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council and requested a conference with the Council respecting sundry class-men raised in the county of Bedford in the year 1781; and thereupon, a conference was had, and after some time spent therein, it was agreed that the said class-men be joined to the Ranging company raised in the said county, to serve during the term of their enlistment, and the committee was requested to report the same to the House of Assembly.

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to James M'Lene, Esquire.

For attendance in Congress, vizt:

22 days, a £5,	- - - - -	£ 110	
170 do a 9,	- - - - -	1,530	
119 do a 22 10,	- - - -	2,677	10
150 do a 60,	- - - - -	9,000	
		£13,317	10

Contra.

By cash received from the Continental Treasury, 11,400 dollars, - - - -	£4,275	
Do. of Mr. Rittenhouse, - - -	2,500	
	6,775	
Continental,	£6,542	10

£6 542 10 Continental, a exchange of 60 for one, is, specie, - - - - - - - - £109 0 10½

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James M'Lene, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and nine pounds and ten pence half-penny, balance of the foregoing account.

James Moore, Esquire, of the county of Chester, laid before the Board a state of his accounts for payment of bounties to soldiers in the Pennsylvania line, by which it appears that there is due to the State a balance of one hundred and seventy-five pounds twelve shillings and six pence, State money; thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Moore be directed to pay the said balance into the hands of the Treasurer of the said State.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Frederick Sneider, praying to be allowed for his services in apprehending a certain Steelman, Black and Shaw; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the following articles, to wit: one pair of worsted stockings, one pair of buckskin gloves, one pair of shoe-buckles, one sett stock buckle, one ditto knee buckle, one pair of golden sleeve buttons, marked S. S., three pair of silver sleeve buttons, and one single ditto, one gold set ring, one breast broach, (silver,) one ivory comb, one brass inkhorn, one clasp-knife, one silver watch, maker's name Richard Doingham, No. 38,981, and one old pocket book, part of the goods seized upon the said persons, be now sold at public auction for the benefit of the petitioner; that the proceeds be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State; and that an order be drawn in favor of Frederick Sneider for the amount thereof.

Representation having been made to this Board that Captain Thomas Prizgard, of the Flag of Truce, Commodore Lafarey, is held to appear & to answer a charge against him, made by John Jones, Health Officer, for that he came up to the city of Philadelphia without paying a due regard to the regulations established for preserving the health of the citizens: On consideration,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be directed to enter a noli prosequi in the said case, and that the consideration of the conduct of Captain Prizgard be referred to the Secretary at War, for his determination how far the same may have been contrary to the law of nations.

A resolution of the Honorable House of the General Assembly of the eighth instant, authorizing and empowering this Board to draw upon the Treasury of this State for any sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds of the paper money of this State, emitted by act of Assembly of the seventh of April, 1781, for discharging the debts due for horses and waggons called into service agreeably to requisitions of Congress and the Commander-in-Chief, was received and read.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The committee appointed to prepare a message to the House of General Assembly, brought in a draft of the same, which is as follows, viz:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

Gentlemen: Our desire to preserve the harmony so essential to the public welfare, has kept us silent under the various measures adopted by your House, which we conceive prejudicial to the State and derogatory to the Constitutional rights of this Board. But as we perceive a system to be adopted and steadily pursued, which evidently tends to annihilate the powers and usefulness of the Executive part of government, our duty to our constituents, and a due regard to the sacred obligations we have entered into, oblige us to speak with freedom, and to declare that, as we will never make a voluntary surrender of our privileges, so we will not tamely and silently submit to any invasion of them. In the station assigned us in the government, we do not apprehend ourselves obliged to take notice of any deviations from the Constitution which do not touch our own rights; but of these we conceive ourselves, in the first instance, the special and natural guardians, and when we can no otherwise prevent Legislative encroachments, it is our duty at least to make a solemn appeal to the people, our mutual constituents, the true source and fountain from whence all our authority is derived. When the Constitution of the State placed the Legislative power in a single branch, with certain checks upon rash and and hasty determination, it was never supposed that any House of Assembly would, by special laws made for the purpose, assume the Executive powers, and by blending Legislative and Executive, unite what the Constitution had wisely and decisively separated; much less, that such laws should pass without even a decent regard to those salutary restraints of time and publication, which were intended to provide against intemperate and indigested measures. It has been one of the greatest objections made to this Constitution, that it has left too little power in the Executive branch; and yet we see daily attempts to make that little less. We cannot suppose that it is intended practically to shew the people what mischief and abuse a single Legislature may do, and yet we are at a loss otherwise to account for those proceedings which are particularly the objects of this message. And first, with respect to the Judges of the Supreme Court. The Constitution has vested their appointment in the Council, and declared that "they shall have fixed salaries." Before the appointments were made these salaries were fixed, and then persons were taken from other employments of life into the public service; but as soon as a settled medium of commerce was introduced, you have unfixed those very salaries and reduced them to a value inadequate to the present scale of expence

and the dignity of the station, and so far broken the contract between those officers and the public which they justly conceived to be guaranteed by the Constitution. What benefit can the Commonwealth derive from the appointment as directed by the Constitution, or from the independency of their commissions, if, after such appointment, and the rate of their compensation being ascertained, every Assembly may take upon them to alter that rate, and show their favour or resentment by a liberal or inadequate allowance, as the men may be pleasing to them; or otherwise, what is it in effect, but to make them dependant upon the Assembly for their daily subsistence, and subject them to the strongest temptations of yielding to every veering gale of politics or party? Or to what purpose was it to give the appointment to the Council, when the objects of their choice are left in such a state of dependance for their support? We conceive that the powers thus claimed of reducing salaries after the offices have been long accepted and held, is incompatible with the letter and spirit of the Constitution, and may be exercised in such a manner as in effect to prevent the Council appointing any person to office, by rendering it impossible for the person appointed to accept or to continue in office, however irreproachable in conduct and ability, if he should happen to be displeasing to a majority of the House of Assembly. We conceive the independance of the Judges, both on the Executive and Legislative, as a point of the greatest importance to the good people of the State, and as their commissions are for seven years, unless convicted of misbehaviour, it is clear that their support ought to be equally fixed, and irrevocable during that period.

Secondly: The draughts of public money from the Treasury, without the intervention of the Council, when the appropriation or use of the money is declared, we apprehend to be inconsistent with the Constitution, which declares it to be the right of the Council to "draw upon the Treasury for such sums as shall be appropriated by the House." This appropriation we clearly conceive to mean a declaration of the use, and not of the person to draw for it; and that the giving this power to any other persons, by a special law, is a violation of the Constitutional privileges of the Council—an unjust and unnecessary wound to their feelings, and calculated to lessen their influence and utility.

It is altogether unprecedented in this or any of the neighboring States, as far as we know and believe, and must be attended with the greatest inconveniences, if there should be any failure in the collection of the taxes in point of time or quantity.

In a late bill published for consideration, entitled

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we observe that Commissioners are appointed with like powers, to draw upon the Treasury, and to manage and conduct the defence of

the river Delaware. Though there have been instances wherein the Assembly, since the resolution, have by law nominated Commissioners for special purposes, yet we apprehend there is no precedent for the powers granted by this law; but, on the contrary, when on a former occasion provision was made for the defence of the river and trade, the direction thereof was in all respects intrusted to the Council, who conducted it in such manner as to give effectual relief to the commerce of the city, without any eventual charge to the State. The Constitution expressly declares it to be the right and duty of the Council to expedite the execution of such measures as may be resolved on by the General Assembly. But the language of your laws, gentlemen, is that "other persons shall expedite the execution of your measures," and, in our opinion, plainly encroaches on the rights of the people, who have elected you for the purpose of devising measures, and us for that of executing them; and so far as we attempt to legislate, or you to execute, so far we depart from the principles of the Constitution, usurp the rights of each other, and do injustice to the people. The clause in the law published for consideration, by which the present Auctioneers are removed from office without any complaint against them, though they have held their offices for a short time, we cannot but consider it as a part of the system to increase your own power and lessen the weight of the Council in the eyes of the world. It is but little more than a year since a former Assembly, in the spirit of the Constitution, placed the appointment of these offices in the Council. Men of approved fidelity in the general cause, and of known capacity, were commissioned. They have just become masters of the business, made their arrangements, and procured suitable accommodations and clerks, when a special act of Assembly is proposed to dismiss them from office and appoint others. What persons will in future be induced to accept of appointments under the Council, even under the sanction of your own laws, which are to be held on so precarious a tenure? or what can be more degrading to a public body than to see persons of their appointment thus displaced, without any cause assigned? We do not contend but that the House might have reserved the original appointment, though we think the spirit of the Constitution discountenances appointments of the Assembly. But to re-assume it by ex post facto law, without any complaint of its being improperly executed, in our opinion, manifests such disrespect to the former Assembly, such an unfriendly disposition towards the Council, and enmity to the present officers, that all candid and considerate men will deem it an undue stretch of Legislative power, and incompatible with the Constitution.

We wish you to consider, gentlemen, before you proceed further in this system, what consequences will be likely to flow from it.—An Assembly with different views, may think it proper and just, by other laws, to alter your appointments and displace those whom

you may chuse; so that at length no man of common prudence or ability will accept of any office subject to such capricious changes. It is also worthy of your consideration that such proceedings have a direct tendency to kindle animosities, to inflame the spirits of men, and keep up divisions in the State. We, therefore, wish to have it known to the good people of this Commonwealth, that as we utterly disapprove of such measures, so we have not been wanting against them, and as far as in our power, prevent the pernicious consequences which must result from such a line of conduct.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

Council Chamber, Phil'a, 12th April, 1782.

Ordered, That the same be presented to the House of Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 13th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Penticost, and
Mr. Levan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties of the State, for the sum of one thousand and seventy-nine pounds five shillings and two pence three farthings, specie, for paying for supplies for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

A letter from Colonel Abel Morgan, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia, of this day, was read, praying leave to resign his office of Sub-Lieutenant, and thereupon, the same was accepted; and Jacob Auld, Esquire, being recommended to this Board as a proper person to succeed the said Abel Morgan in the said office; thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Jacob Auld, Esquire, be appointed Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Philadelphia, in the room and stead of the said Abel Morgan, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds specie, in part for his services in apprehending Steelman, Blake, and Shaw, on the twenty-fifth of November, 1780.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Daniel Rees, for the sum of two pounds twelve shillings and six pence

specie, for paying for transportation of ammunition to Harris's Ferry, for the use of the troops stationed in the county of Northumberland.

A petition from Benjamin Robinson, convicted of larceny at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held the second day of April, 1782, and sentenced by the said court to be publicly whipped, &c., was read, and the same was dismissed.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Messrs. Guerney, Allibone, and Patton, six thousand cartridges for muskets, taking a receipt to return the like or the value thereof.

A petition from Doctor Samuel Edmiston, praying a settlement of the depreciation of his pay as a Physician and Surgeon in the general hospital of the United States, agreeably to the act of General Assembly passed the first day of October last, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Auditors be directed to settle the same accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 15, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

Charles Cessna, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Bedford, having represented that there is remaining in his hands a quantity of flour and forage purchased agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-third day of March, 1780, entitled "An Act for procuring a supply of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the army, which articles are in danger of great waste. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said Charles Cessna be directed to sell the aforesaid articles as soon as may be, and pay the money arising therefrom into the hands of the Treasurer of this State.

A return of Justices for Robinson township in the county of Washington, was received and read, by which it appears that Alexander Wright and James Ervins were duly elected Justices for the said township. Thereupon,

Resolved, That Alexander Wright be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Washington, and commissioned accordingly.

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to this Board that the freeholders of the townships of Cumberland and Morgan in the county of Washington, have each of them neglected to chuse two fit persons on the fifteenth day of July, 1781, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of March, 1781, entitled "An Act for erecting part of the county of Westmoreland into a separate county," to serve as Justices of the Peace:

And whereas, By a clause in an act of Assembly entitled "A further supplement to the act entitled An Act directing the mode and time of electing Justices of the Peace for the city and the several counties in this Commonwealth, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the thirty-first day of August, 1778, it is enacted "That when the freeholders of any district, county, town, "township, or ward, within this Commonwealth, have refused or "neglected, or shall hereafter refuse or neglect, to elect Justices "of the Peace, agreeably to the directions of the before recited acts, "or of the further provisions herein made, that then it shall and "may be lawful to and for the President or Vice President, in "Council, to commissionate a suitable number of Justices of the "Peace to fill up such vacancies, agreeably to the number settled in "the afore recited acts;" therefore,

Ordered, That John Minor be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the township of Cumberland, and Levi Karrod be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the township of Morgan, in the county of Washington, and that commissions be issued accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, for the sum of five hundred and sixty-six pounds three shillings and six pence one farthing, for the purpose of paying for supplies purchased for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel John Hannum, for the sum of twenty-one pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for his services as one of the Auditors for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Pentecost.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John M'Farren, Jun'r, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of one thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying the seven months' men raised agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-sixth day of May, 1780, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of the contract for supplying the troops stationed in the county of Bedford with provisions, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Cannon, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of the contract for supplying the troops stationed in the county of Washington with provisions, for which he is to account.

The Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, vizt:

From the 9th till the 17th of April, 1782, 8 days @ 17s. 6 - - - - - - - - - - £7 0 0

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for the sum of seven pounds specie, amount of the said account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. John Nicholson, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of

the seventh of April, 1781, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line one third of depreciation certificates, for which he is to account.

A return of Justices for the township of Antrim, in the county of Cumberland, was received and read, by which it appears that Humphrey Fullerton, Thomas Johnston, James Poe and Hugh Barkley, were duly elected Justices for the said township. Thereupon,

Ordered, That Humphrey Fullerton and Thomas Johnston be appointed Justices of the Peace for the county of Cumberland; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

A letter from Joseph Reed, James Wilson, William Bradford, Jun'r, and Jonathan Dickinson, Sergeant, of the fifteenth instant, recommending to the Board to appoint a Solicitor or Agent to collect the evidence, search records, and do various other things essential to the management of the dispute between this State and Connecticut, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Osborne be appointed Solicitor for the purpose aforesaid; and that an order be drawn in his favor for the sum of twenty pounds specie, for the purpose of searching records and taking copies of such as relate to the said cause, which he is hereby authorised and empowered to do, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That General Wilkinson and Doctor Tate, of Bucks county, be requested to view the confiscated estate late of Joseph Paxon, in the said county, estimate the yearly value thereof, and make return to this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, and
Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Levan.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Benjamin Freeman,

Ordered, That the sum of seven pounds ten shillings specie, be allowed the said Benjamin Freeman, in consideration of his being wounded by a cannon ball at Amboy in the year 1776. An order was drawn on the Treasurer accordingly.

The Council taking into consideration the resolution of the Honorable the Continental Congress of the nineteenth of March last,

recommending to the several States to appoint Thursday, the day of April instant, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer,

Resolved, That a proclamation be issued for the purpose aforesaid, which is in the following words, vizt:

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The Congress of the United States of America, by their resolve of the nineteenth day of March last, did recommend in the following words, vizt:

The goodness of the Supreme Being to all his rational creatures, demands their acknowledgments of gratitude and love; his absolute government of this world dictates that it is the interest, and people ardently to supplicate his favor and implore his protection. When the lust of dominion or lawless ambition excites arbitrary power to invade their rights, or to endeavour to wrest from a people their sacred and invaluable privileges, and compels them, in defence of the same, to encounter all the horrors and calamities of a bloody and vindictive war, then is that people loudly called upon to fly unto that God for protection who hears the cries of the distressed, and will not turn a deaf ear to the supplication of the oppressed. Great Britain, hitherto left to infatuated councils, and to pursue measures repugnant to her own interest and distressing to this country, still persists in the design of subjugating these United States, which will compel us into another active, and perhaps bloody campaign.

The United States, in Congress assembled, therefore, taking into consideration our present situation, our multiplied transgressions of the holy laws of our God, and his past kindness and goodness towards us, which we ought to record with the liveliest gratitude, think it their indispensable duty to call upon the several States to set apart Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of April next, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer; that our joint supplications may then ascend to the throne of the Ruler of the Universe, beseeching him to diffuse a spirit of Universal reformation among all ranks and degrees of our citizens, and make us an holy, that so we may be an happy people; that it may please him to impart wisdom, unanimity and integrity to our Councillors; to bless and prosper the reign of our illustrious Ally, and give success to his arms employed in the defence of the rights of human nature; that he would smile upon our military arrangements by sea and land, administer comfort and consolation to our prisoners in a cruel captivity, protect the life and health of our Commander-in-Chief, grant us victory over our enemies, establish peace in all our borders, and give happiness to all our inhabitants; that he would prosper the

labour of the husbandmen, making the earth yield her increase in abundance, and give a proper season for the in-gathering of the fruits thereof; that he would grant success to all engaged in lawful trade and commerce, and take under his guardianship all schools and seminaries of learning, and make them nurseries of virtue and piety; that he would incline the hearts to peace, and fill them with universal charity and benevolence; and that the religion of our Divine Redeemer, with all its benign influences, may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Wherefore, as well in respect of the said recommendation of Congress as from a due sense of humbling ourselves before the Governor of the Universe, and emploring His protection and support, we do hereby direct and order, that the said Thursday the twenty-fifth day of April instant, be set apart in this Commonwealth as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, according to the said resolve; and that all persons within the State abstain from servile labour and recreation on that day.

Given by order of the Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

Attest:—T. MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Gray, Paymaster of the county of Northumberland, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, for the paying the seven months' men raised in the said county, to be paid out of the money arising from the payment of the arrears of the eighteen penny taxes of the said county, for which the said paymaster is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bayard.

Ordered, That Thomas Nevill and Lewis Grant be appointed and requested to estimate the value of the leaden spouts taken down in the city and liberties of Philadelphia, by order of Congress in 1777, and make return thereof to this Council.

Ordered, That a dedimus potestatum be issued, authorizing Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, to qualify the Justices of the Peace and other civil officers commissioned by the Council, within the city of Philadelphia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of his Excellency the President, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 22nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner. Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esq'r, Vice President, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which the said John Nicholson is to account.

In favor of William Brown, Esquire, for forty pounds specie, for supplying the militia of the county of Cumberland lately called into service for the defence of the frontiers of said county, with provisions, for which he is to account.

In favor of John Ormsby, Esquire, to be paid to the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esq'r, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds specie, for the purpose of furnishing provisions to persons to be employed in running a temporary line between this State and the State of Virginia.

In favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for the sum of one hundred pounds, for purchasing clothing for the company of Rangers in the county of Northampton, for which he is to account.

In favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, for the purpose of paying for supplies purchased for the use of the army by the late Commissioners of Purchase, for which he is to account.

Proposals of William Browne, Esquire, for supplying the companies of militia of Cumberland county called out to guard the

frontiers of said county, with provisions, were read and considered; and thereupon,

The Council agreed to pay to the said William Browne twelve pence per ration for the rations to be delivered by him to the said companies, the same to be delivered at such places as the said troops may from time to time be stationed within the said county, and to be paid for agreeably to a muster roll to be signed by the Captain of the company and countersigned by the Lieutenant of the county monthly.

The rations to consist of

One pound of bread.
One pound of beef, or $\frac{3}{4}$th lb. of pork.
One jill of whiskey, and
One quart of salt, } to every hundred rations.
Two quarts of vinegar, }
Eight pounds of soap, } to every seven hundred rations.
Three pounds of candles, }

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Francis Bailey, for the sum of seventeen pounds and eight pence specie, in full of his account for newspapers for the use of the Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, for two hundred and forty-one pounds six shillings and eight pence one-half penny specie, balance of his account for supplying the militia of Northampton county called out for the defence of the frontiers of said county, with provisions.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 23d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr Levan.
Mr. Bayard, and

A memorial from the Commissioners appointed to procure and equip an armament for guarding and defending the navigation of the bay and river Delaware, was read. Among other things the said Commissioners propose the purchase of the prize ship General Monck, and pray the approbation of Council of the purchase. On consideration,

The Council approved of the purchase of the said ship, agreeably to the proposal of the Commissioners.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mrs. Susanna Lindley, to come from New York to the city of Philadelphia.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Levan.

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Benjamin Robinson, now confined in the old gaol; and thereupon,

Resolved, That his corporal punishment be remitted, on condition that he pay his fines and the costs of prosecution, enlist in the Pennsylvania line without bounty, to serve during the war, and give security to the Secretary of the Council in the sum of fifty pounds, that he will not desert.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for the following lots of ground marked in the general plan of city lots, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, viz:

To the Reverend Doctor John Ewing, for lots numbered from 51 to 60 inclusive. Consideration seventy-five pounds.

To Abraham Marcoe, for lots numbered from 512 to 527. Consideration seven hundred and thirty-three pounds.

To Solomon Lions, for lots No. 274 and 275. Consideration eighty-eight pounds.

To Martin Burkhart, for lot No. 500. Consideration fifty pounds.

To George Godfrey Welpar, for lots No. 1194 and 1195. Consideration one hundred and twelve pounds.

All which sums the persons afore-mentioned have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds date the twenty-fourth instant.

A petition from Samuel Inglis, in behalf of George Inglis, his brother, praying permission for him to come from New York to the city of Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitioner be granted, on condition that he give security himself in one thousand pounds, and

two sureties in the sum of one thousand pounds specie each, for his good behaviour during the present war, and take the oath of allegiance to the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honourable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Miss Margaret Hodge to come from the city of New York to the city of Philadelphia.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line.

In favor of James Childs, for twenty pounds specie, in full for his services in prosecuting to conviction for treasonable practices, Bryan Doran, John Burke, alias Matthew Mentges, Alexander M'Donald, Alexander Stewart, and Cornelius Elderton.

In favor of Joseph Rice, for eleven pounds twelve shilling and six pence specie, amount of his account for making sails, &c., for boat stationed at Billingsport.

Ordered, That passes be granted to John Taylor, Sarah Coxe, her three children, and servant Mary Britt, to come from the city of New York to the city of Philadelphia, the said Sarah Coxe, her children, and Mary Britt, to remain in Philadelphia one week and no longer.

A petition from Marcus Beck, convicted of retailing spirituous liquors without licence, and sentenced to pay a fine to the State of five pounds specie, was read, praying remission of the said fine. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

A like petition from Robert M'Cawley, praying remission of his fine, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Bayard, and

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, vizt:

To Joseph Coxe, Lieutenant in the Sixth Pennsylvania regiment, conveying a lot of land marked No. 9, containing two hundred and twenty-two acres and seventy-eight perches, situate in Tinicum township, in the county of Bucks: Seized as the estate late of John Reid, an attainted traitor, and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of two hundred and eleven pounds six shillings and six pence specie, which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-ninth instant.

To John McMasters, of Newbury township, in York county, conveying a certain tract of land, situate in the said township and county, containing one hundred and thirty-three acres and the usual allowance, &c.: Seized as the estate late of James Rankin, an attainted traitor, and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of two thousand eight hundred and seventy-six pounds, Continental money, which sum the said John M'Masters hath paid into the hands of the Agents of Forfeited Estates. Deed dated the twenty-ninth instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Matthew M'Connell, conveying a tract of land, containing one hundred and twenty-seven acres and one-quarter, situate in Macungy township, in the county of Northampton: Seized as the estate late of Henry Steininger, an attainted traitor, and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of two hundred and forty-five

pounds, lawful money, which sum the said Matthew M'Connell hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the twenty-ninth instant.

To Mr. Andrew Epple, for five city lots, numbered from 1070 to 1074, inclusive, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Consideration one hundred and sixty pounds.

To Mr. Alexander Nelson, for lots numbered from 460 to 463, inclusive. Consideration one hundred and fifty-two pounds.

To Robert Cather, for lots numbered from 673, 674, & 675, and 683, and 684, inclusive. Consideration one hundred and five pounds.

To do., for lots numbered from 1381 to 1386, inclusive. Consideration one hundred and eighty-four pounds.

Which sums the persons above mentioned have paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the twenty-ninth of April, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Levan, and

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 2, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Edmund Milne, for the sum of seventy-five pounds specie, for procuring an elegant sword for Captain Barney, agreeably to resolve of General Assembly.

In favor of Daniel Wimmeldorf, for the sum of fifty-one pounds thirteen shillings and six pence specie, for fifty-three ream of printing paper, for printing the laws of the Commonwealth.

In favor of John Nicholson, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying one-third depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A petition from Elizabeth Mooney, convicted of larceny, praying remission of her fine, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Elizabeth Mooney be remitted, on condition that she depart the State forthwith and not return again, on pain of being re-committed.

A letter from Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, inclosing the resignation of the following officers, vizt: John Gregg, Captain of the Sixth company, and Michael Wasley, Ensign in the said company, in the Fourth battalion; and Paul Kester, Captain of the Fourth company in the Third battalion, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said resignations be accepted.

A letter from Christopher Kucher, of the twenty-second ultimo, praying this Board to accept a resignation of his office of Sub-lieutenant for the county of Lancaster, was read; and

Thereupon, the same was accepted; and

Colonel Adam Hubley having recommended Mr. ——— Gloninger, of the said county, as a proper person to succeed the said Mr. Kucher in the said office; therefore,

Resolved, That ——— Gloninger, Esquire, be appointed Sub-lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, in the room and stead of Christopher Kucher, Esquire, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A petition from Nicholas Young, setting forth his claim to divers city lots, in right of the original purchases of Thomas Pierce and John Pierce, from William Penn, Esquire, late Proprietary of

Pennsylvania, and praying a hearing touching the same, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Surveyor General of the State, to make inquiry respecting the same, and make report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 3rd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Garden, and
Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Levan.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Porth, for the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings specie, for the one thousand rails for fencing in the lands belonging to this State, at Billingsport.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full for his services as Doorkeeper to the thirtieth of April; and the sum of six pounds specie, in full for his services in attending upon the committee of Council upon the business of the Philadelphia county election.

The petition of Joseph Hillbourn, praying a pass for Thomas Sikes, his son Joseph and daughter Rachel, to come from New York to this city, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted, on condition that Thomas Sikes report his arrival in this city to the Secretary, take the oath or affirmation of allegiance, and give bond for his good behaviour during the war, himself in the sum of one thousand pounds, and two sureties in the sum of one thousand pounds each; and if the son be of fit age, also take the oath or affirmation.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Levan, Mr. Bayard.

WHEREAS, A considerable number of the Pennsylvania volunteers, commonly called the seven months' men, who joined the Fed-

eral army in the year 1780, and did not afterwards enlist into the Continental service, remain still unpaid:

Ordered, That the said volunteers who still remain unpaid, do report themselves to the Lieutenants or Sub-lieutenants of the counties to which they respectively belong; that the Lieutenants of the counties transmit to the Paymasters of the counties respectively a list of the persons so reporting themselves; and that the said Paymasters make out pay-rolls of the sums due, and transmit the same to this Council for further order herein.

A petition from Thomas Allison, convicted of a breach of trust, and sentenced to be publicly whipped, praying remission of his corporal punishment, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to stay the execution of the sentence aforesaid until Saturday next.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Colonel Francis Murray, conveying a certain tract of land situated in Tinicum township, in the county of Bucks, containing one hundred and thirty-five acres and fifty-three perches: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of John Reid, an attainted traitor, for the sum of sixty-five pounds nineteen shillings and six pence specie; which sum the said Colonel Francis Murray hath paid to the Agent of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated the first of May instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 6, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account; and

One other order, for the sum of three hundred and twenty-seven pounds twelve shillings and eleven pence half-penny, balance of his account for his services as one of the officers for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line.

In favor of John Dunlap, for the sum of nine hundred pounds specie, in part for his services in printing the votes of the Honorable House of Assembly, agreeably to resolution of the ninth of April, 1781.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Captain William Rice, conveying one moiety of a certain tract of land, situate in Linn township, in the county of Northampton, containing two hundred and fifteen acres and allowance; and one other tract in said township, containing one hundred and twenty-one acres: Seized as the estate late of George Philip Wertman, and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds specie; which sum he hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the sixth instant.

Ordered, That passes to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, be granted to Sarah Crawford, Caleb Lownes, Anne Pluckrose, & Hanna Jamison.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 7, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham, and

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Thomas Allison; & thereupon,

Resolved, That his fine and corporal punishment be remitted, on condition that he enlist as a soldier in the Pennsylvania line, and serve therein during the continuance of the present war, without bounty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Loughead, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, for paying the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia lately called into service, the same to be charge to Colonel Wm. Henry, and paid out of monies arising from militia fines.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Gardner, and

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Samuel Caldwell, conveying one hundred and five acres of banked meadow, part of Hog Island, in the river Delaware: Seized as the estate late of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor, and sold agreeably to law, to the aforesaid Samuel Caldwell, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds Continental money, subject to the yearly rent of seven bushels and one-half of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum the said Samuel Caldwell hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated this day.

Ordered, That passes be granted to Jane Dunn and Sarah Ball, to go to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Rakestraw, for eleven pounds two shillings and four pence specie, being one-half of the expence in erecting a fence between the President's house and lot, and that belonging to Mr. Morris.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 10, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Cunningham,

On consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to Sarah Griffing and Susanna Edwards, to go to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, and to return again.

The return of James Wilkinson and James Tate, Esquires, appointed by order of the Council of the eighteenth of April last, to view and make return of the yearly value of a tract of land situate in Middleton township, in the county of Bucks, containing one

hundred and twenty-five acres and three quarters and thirteen perches, late the estate of Joseph Paxson, an attainted traitor, in order that the same may be assigned to the University of this State, was read, by which it appears that the said tract of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, will produce thirty-five pounds per annum. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said estate be assigned to the University of this State, that the same be now delivered to the Trustees, and that the said institution be charged therewith according to the aforesaid yearly valuation in the estimation of estates so assigned, agreeably to act of General Assembly directing the same.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Reed, Esquire, for the sum of sixty pounds specie, as a fee for his services in the cause now pending between this State and the children of Andrew Allen, respecting the Big Spring, in Berks county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, for his services in the cause before mentioned.

A petition from Gideon Walker, convicted of larceny upon two indictments at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the county of York the last Tuesday of April last, and sentenced upon each of the said indictments to be publicly whipped and to pay two several fines to the use of the State, vizt: one of eight pounds ten shillings, and the other of four pounds ten shillings, specie, &c., was read, praying remission of the said fines and corporal punishment. Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said fines and corporal punishment be remitted, on condition that he enlist in the Pennsylvania line, to serve therein during the continuance of the present war without bounty.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Robert Morris, Esq'e, Superintendant of Finance, for the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred pounds specie, in part of the supplies required by Congress from this State, for which he is to account; the same to be charged to the United States of America.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Levan,

An application from Mr. Samuel Caldwell, setting forth that he hath purchased at a sale of confiscated estates, one hundred and

five acres of banked meadow, part of Hog Island, in the river Delaware, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor, and praying the aid of this Board to cause possession to be given him agreeably to act of Assembly, of the part so purchased, was taken into consideration; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to give possession of the said premises, agreeably to a late survey thereof, to the said Samuel Caldwell, in due form of law, he paying the incidental expences.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Levan, and

Ordered, That passes be granted to Daniel Heister, Junior, Esquire, and Mary Price, to go to Elizabethtown, in the State of New Jersey, and to return.

The Council adjourned in order to attend the public audience given by Congress to the Minister of France, in order to receive information of the birth of a Dauphin of France.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham, and
Dr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

Colonel Humphreys attended in Council, and informed that a certain Jacob Sheetz, a recruit in the Pennsylvania lines, stands committed to the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, on a charge of having taken a horse; but the matter having been examined, the parties said to be injured had been so satisfied as to be not disposed to prosecute him; and the Colonel requested that the said recruit be discharged; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed to deliver over Jacob Sheetz, a recruit in the Pennsylvania line, to the order of Colonel Richard Humpton, he paying the charges accrued.

Ordered, That passes be granted to Hannah Labboyteau and Elizabeth Lee, to go to Elizabeth-town, in the State of New Jersey, and to return again.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of divers persons interested in goods lately seized by the Naval Officer, landed from Mr. Levi Hollingsworth's shallop, commanded by Captain Wade; and having spent some time upon it, referred it for further consideration.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance, dated the ninth instant, was received, inclosing a statement of the old Continental money, and the same was read.

Ordered, That the following passes be granted to Elizabethtown, vizt:

To Rachel Sikes and Hannah Wright.

Adjourned.

The Council met.

Wednesday, May 15, 1782.

A letter from Lewis Grownow, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Chester, inclosing returns of the following officers elected, vizt:— Alexander Boggs, Captain; William Johnston, Lieutenant; and James Stewart, Ensign of the third company, of the fourth Battalion of the Chester county militia, on the 22d April, 1782.

David Wilson, Captain of the sixth company, of the fourth Battalion of the said county, on the 15th of April, 1782; and thereupon,

Ordered, That commissions be issued accordingly, bearing date on the day of their respective elections.

On petition, the following passes were granted, vizt:

To Susanna Morgan, to go to Elizabethtown.
To Sybilla Hoff, to the same place.
To Barbara Delabar, do
To Mrs. Hamble, do

A letter from the Minister for foreign affairs, dated the fourteenth day of May instant, informing of the birth of a Dauphin of France, which had been announced to the United States in Congress Assembled, by his Excellency the Minister Plen'y of his most Christian Majesty, on the 13th instant: whereupon,

Mr. Bayard and Doct'r Gardner are appointed a committee to prepare an address of congratulation on that event, and to form a plan of an entertainment suitable to the occasion, and report to this Board.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petitions respecting the sugar seized by the Naval Officer on the 1st instant, and depositions now appearing respecting the property of individuals therein; on consideration,

Ordered, That the one moiety of said sugar forfeited to the State by neglect to enter them according to law before landing, be remitted, and returned to the late owners thereof, vizt:

To Thomas Forrest or his order, the one moiety of nine hogsheads of sugar marked Forrist.

To Michael Kimmel and Michael Gunkell or their order, the one moiety of ten hogsheads and seven barrels of sugar marked M. G.

To John Brown and Sons, and William Matthews, or their order, six hogsheads of sugar marked J. Brown and Sons.

The Council being of opinion that no fraud was intended, and that the neglect arose from an accidental omission, and that the Naval Officer be directed to deliver the one moiety of the said sugars to the respective late owners, the said respective late owners paying accordingly the duty and all the charges that have accrued.

The Honorable Superintendant of Finance having represented to this Board thro' the President, his intention of sending a vessel to the West Indies on business of great importance to this State and to the United States, and the ship General Washington being now ready for sea,

It is the opinion of this Board, that the commissioners for the defence of the river Delaware, do hire to the Superintendant of Finance the said ship for that purpose, on such reasonable terms as may be agreed on between him and them.

Adjourned.

The Council met.

Thursday, May 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bayard, and
Mr. Levan, Doctor Gardner.

The following pass to Elizabethtown was granted, vizt:—To Margaret Cairl.

Commissions issued to Capt. Joshua Barnery, of the State ship General Washington, (Cap. 5f 8i, 25 years old; Luke Matthewman, Mate, 28 years, 5 feet, 9 inches high, both dark complection,) eighteen guns, one hundred and twenty men, and two hundred and fifty tons burthen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Dr. Gardner, and
Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Levan.

A pass was granted to Samuel Correy.

A letter from Mr. Espy containing a return of a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford, was received and read, but there being no return of the resignation of the gentleman in whose stead the person so returned has been chosen, the same cannot be accepted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham, and
Dr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

The committee brought in a draft of an address of congratulation to the Honorable Chevalier Dela Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary of his most Christian Majesty, and the same being read and amended, was unanimously agreed to, as follows, vizt:

To the Honorable the Chevalier De La Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary of his most Christian Majesty:

The address of the President and Council of the State of Pennsylvania.

SIR:—The Secretary of Foreign Affairs has communicated to us that you, sir, as "Minister Plenipotentiary of his most Christian Majesty, had announced to the United States in Congress assembled, at a public audience, the birth of a Dauphine of France." An event of so much importance to the French Nation, and so flattering to their hopes, becomes highly interesting to us; and when we consider it as advancing the personal felicity of that illustrious and magnanimous Prince, from whom the people of America have received such powerful aids and so many proofs of his royal regards and friendship, we feel the most lively and animating joy. And it is with the highest veneration and the warmest gratitude,

that we present our warmest congratulations to his most Christian Majesty, and to his Royal Consort, for whom we feel a respect which we cannot express, and felicitate them on this auspicious occasion.

The attention which you, sir, have always shewn to the State of Pennsylvania, affords us full assurance that you will represent to your august Sovereign the sincerity with which we rejoice at every event that adds to his glory or happiness, and more especially in the present instance.

May the great Governor of the Universe take into his holy keeping the King, the Queen, and the Dauphin of France, and pour out his choicest blessings upon them.

WILLIAM MOORE, President.

To which the Minister of France was pleased to give the following answer:

GENTLEMEN:—I cannot be charged with a duty more agreeable to fulfil than that of transmitting to his Majesty testimonies of the part you take in the favour which Heaven has done him, in granting a Dauphin to his wishes and to those of the French Nation.—Since I have had the advantage of living among you, gentlemen, I have been frequently a witness of the sincere interest you have taken in every thing that may concern your ally. The more the two nations are acquainted, the more they love and esteem each other, and the more they are sensible of the necessity of an unalterable union. These circumstances will render still more agreeable to his Majesty the sentiments of the Council of Pennsylvania on the subject of the birth of an heir to his crown. The young Prince will one day be informed of the joy which the Pennsylvanians have shewn on this occasion. He will learn that they were his friends from his cradle, and it will please him to be theirs the whole time of his life.

Philadelphia, May 20, 1782.

The following passes were granted on petition, vizt:

To Margaret Oxley and Margaret Loofborough.

The petition of Mary Hall was read, praying pardon; and the same being considered,

Resolved, That she be pardoned, on condition that she leave the State and never return to it again.

WHEREAS, Many purchasers of the city lots have neglected to pay for the same in due time, agreeably to the terms of sale; therefore,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer do charge interest to all the delinquents until the respective sum in arrear is fully paid.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President, (now first returned from his family.)

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That a pass to Elizabethtown, in New Jersey, be granted to Elizabeth Cozens and Mary Baker, with permission to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

David Duncan, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Westmoreland, having represented that there remains in his hands a quantity of flour, grain and forage, purchased agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty-third day of March, 1780, intitled An Act for procuring a supply of provisions and other necessaries for the use of the army, which articles are in danger of great waste. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said David Duncan, Esquire, be directed to make sale at public auction, of the aforesaid articles, or otherwise dispose of them, as he shall judge most for the interest of the State, as soon as may be, and make report of his proceedings therein to this Board.

WHEREAS, On the twenty-fifth day of May, 1778, at a time when the British Parliament, Ministry, and King, were artfully attempting, by insidious means, to divide and destroy these United States, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, with a dignity becoming the Representatives of a virtuous and free people, entered unanimously into the following resolve, vizt:

1 "*Resolved, unanimously*, That the delegates or deputies of "the United States of America, in Congress assembled, are invested

"with an exclusive authority to treat with the King of Great "Britain, or Commissioners by him duly appointed, respecting a "peace between the two countries.

2. "*Resolved, unanimously*, That any man, or body of men, "who shall presume to make any separate or partial convention or "agreement with the King of Great Britain, or with any Commis- "sioner or Commissioners under the crown of Great Britain, ought "to be considered and treated as open and avowed enemies of the "United States of America.

3. "*Resolved, unanimously*, That this House highly approve of "the declaration of Congress, 'that these United States cannot "with propriety, hold any conference or treaty with any Commis- "sioners on the part of Great Britain, unless they shall, as a pre- "liminary thereto, either withdraw their fleets and armies, or else "in positive and express terms, acknowledge the independence of "the said States.'

4. "*Resolved unanimously*, That Congress have no power, autho- "rity or right, to do any act, matter or thing, whatsoever, that may "have a tendency to yield up or abridge the sovereignty or indepen- "dence of this State, without its consent previously obtained.

5. "*Resolved unanimously*, That this House will maintain, sup- "port and defend, the sovereignty and independence of this State, "with their lives and fortunes.

6. "*Resolved unanimously*, That it be recommended to the Su- "preme Executive Council of this State forthwith to order the "militia to hold themselves in readiness to act as occasion may "require.

"AND WHEREAS, There is the fullest evidence that the same "spirit of wickedness and folly which, at that time, governed the "Councils of the British nation, has excited the rulers of that "people under more specious names and pretences, to repeat the "insulting attempt:

"*And Whereas*, The people of a free State are entitled to the "fullest and clearest information of the principles on which their "Representatives in the Executive as well as the Legislative, mean "to proceed in every great concern, this Council conceive it to be "their duty to declare that, as they fully and unanimously approve "of the said recited resolutions, so they determine to adhere "strictly to them on all occasions; and it is the unanimous opinion of "this Council, that any propositions which may be made by the Court "of Great Britain, in any manner whatsoever, tending to violate the "treaty subsisting between us and our illustrious Ally, ought to be "treated with every mark of indignity and contempt; and at the "time this Council, considering the advantages which Nations derive "from amity and commerce founded on good faith, esteem and "mutual interest, and well knowing the benefit which Great Bri- "tain might derive from America were she to adopt principles of "moderation, wisdom and justice, cannot so far suppress their

"desire for the general interest of mankind and the dignity of "human nature as not to feel some concern while they see that "once powerful and respectable nation continuing to act upon prin- "ciples which, if persisted in much longer, must, by destroying "all title to the esteem, faith and confidence of these United States, "render treaties of amity and commerce between us and them ab- "solutely and altogether impracticable."

Ordered, That the foregoing resolutions be published.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 22, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Cunningham, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan.

The Honorable Joseph Montgomery, Esq'r, presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Congress, vizt:

From the 22nd of February till the 21st of May, 1782,		
89 days, a 30s, - - - - - - - -	£133	10
Deduct for absence, 11 days, - - - - -	16	10
	£117	
Mileage to Paxton, 100 miles, at 1s. - - - -	5	
	£122	

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Montgomery, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-two pounds specie, agreeably to the said account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency the President, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which the said President is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Michael Huffnagle, for the sum of fifty-two pounds six shillings and six pence specie, for rations supplied to Captain Thomas Stokely's company of Rangers, raised in the county of Westmoreland, being in full.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of George Evans, for the sum of seventy-five pounds specie, for providing an enter-

tainment on Thursday next, agreeably to order of this Board, for which he is to account.

The Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, presented to the Council the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council, from the thirteenth of April till the twenty-second day of May, 1782, inclusive, 40 days, a 17s. 6 ℔ day, - - - - - - -	£35		
To one day omitted, vizt: 12th of March last, - -		17	6
Mileage, 120 miles, - - - - - - - - -	3		
	£38	17	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for the sum of thirty eight pounds seventeen shillings and six pence specie, amount of the said account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 23, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr Cunningham, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

On consideration,

Ordered, That two Majors General and four Brigadiers General of the militia , and the ballots being taken,

The Honorable James Potter, Esquire, was unanimously elected to be Major General.

James Wilson, Esquire, was unanimously elected to be Brigadier General; and

Percifer Frazier and Daniel Hiester, Jun'r, Esquires, were in like manner elected to be Brigadier Generals.

Ordered, That the commission of General Potter bear date on this day; and the commissions of the other Generals bear date as follows, viz: General Wilkinson's on the twenty-fourth, General Frazier's on the twenty-fifth, and General Hiester's on the twenty-seventh instant,

Ordered, That one-half the Light Horse of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and of the counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks and Northampton,

one-half of the regiment of Artillery, and four classes of the militia of the said city and counties, do hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice, and that the Lieutenants of the said city and counties respectively do issue their orders accordingly.

Ordered, That the arms of the State be immediately repaired; that the Lieutenant of the city and counties respectively, do make return of the arms to this Board as soon as possible; and that the said Lieutenants be enjoined to pay the most exact attention to this order.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Woodhouse, for the sum of twenty-eight pounds three shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account for sundry books for the Comptroller General's office.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, do call into service a guard for the prisoners in the new jail, to consist of one Captain, two Subalterns, two Sergeants and thirty-five privates, to enter on duty on Tuesday evening next, at the guard house near the new jail, at six o'clock.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 24th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Levan, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-two pounds four shillings and six pence specie, in full of his account for rations supplied to the militia called out for the defence of the frontiers of Northampton county, for the months of March and April.

The Honorable James Cunningham, Esq., presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council to 1 day, (to wit,) the 18th Dec'r, last, - - - - - - - - -	£	1	5
From the twenty-first of March till the twenty-fifth of May, 1782, inclusive, 65 days, a 17s 6, - - -	56	17	6
Mileage, 162 miles, a s6, - - - - - -	4	1	
	£62	3	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Cunningham, Esquire, for the sum of sixty-two pounds three shillings and six pence specie, amount of the said account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Levan, Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Gardner, and

The Honorable Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Clymer and Mr. Root, three of a committee appointed by Congress to confer with the respective States on the subject of the necessary preparations for opening the campaign with vigor, especially on the subject of passing laws for levying for the use of Congress, a duty of five per cent.; filling up the line of the several States; passing of laws for the quotas of the present year; and exciting the Executives of the several States to a vigorous exertion of the authority committed to them, to inforce the collection of the money accordingly.

The committee were informed that laws for levying the five per cent. had been passed in this State. That every exertion had been made for recruiting the men for filling up the line of Pennsylvania, which, however, had fallen greatly short of their wishes, and even of their expectations; that the whole of the Pennsylvania line was probably two thousand, rank and file, and that there was little probability of any considerable number being now obtained, although the State had made it a point to appropriate the monies of this State to that as a first object, and that a law had been passed for filling the quotas of the State for the present year; and a vigorous exertion was now making to give the law its utmost effect, and there was some reason to hope, that by the first of July, the State may be able to pay into the office of Finance, about fifty or perhaps sixty thousand.

They further informed the committee, that Council had ordered the militia of the State to hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice, to the amount of about one hundred and fifty Light Horse, two hundred and fifty Artillery, and three thousand five hundred Infantry.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Van Campen, (now returned from his family.)

On motion,

Resolved, That the Board do approve of the orders given by the Honorable James Potter and Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, to Captain Robinson, to take Lieutenant Samuel McGrady into pay, and to raise thirty volunteers to serve as soldiers for the defence of the said county, for the space of six months, if not sooner discharged by order of this Board; the volunteers so raised are to do duty in Captain Robinson's company, and to be paid, each of them, three pounds fifteen shillings specie, per month, for each month they are continued in service, and they are to have the usual rations while in service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account

A return of Justices for the district of Earl in the county of Lancaster, was received and read, by which it appears that Emanuel Carpenter and Jonathan Rhuland were duly elected Justices for the said district; whereupon,

Resolved. That Emanuel Carpenter be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Lancaster, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The Council taking into consideration the state of the frontiers;

Ordered, That the act entitled "An Act to enable the Supreme Executive Council to negotiate such loans as may be necessary to procure a sufficient sum of money for the defence of the frontiers of this State, and the support of civil Government," be published, and that the Treasurer of the State be authorised to receive from any person or persons all such sum and sums of money as he, she, or they, respectively, shall lend to the State, for the purposes expressed in the said law, and give his certificate for the same, to be paid with interest thereupon, at six per centum per annum, agreeably to the said law: provided, that no less sum than five pounds be received from any one person.

The petition of Reuben Haines and Samuel Miles, on behalf of themselves and the residents of the city and county of Philadelphia holding lands in the county of Northumberland, was read, praying this Council would be pleased to direct the Commissioners of the county of Northumberland to postpone the sales of the said lands until the next sitting of the General Assembly; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the Council are of opinion it is not within the powers of this Board to interfere in the manner requested by the petitioners.

The Council resumed the appointment of the general officers, and the ballots being taken, James Irvine was unanimously elected Major General, and Frederick Watt was unanimously elected Brigadier General.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 28, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Levan, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Dyer, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, for forty days work at the Light House at Cape Henlopen, at Is. 10½ per day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Levan, and

On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Ralston be appointed to muster the militia now called into service from the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for the purpose of guarding the prisoners now in this city.

A petition from Mrs. Jane Bartram, praying permission of this Board to come from the city of New York to the city of Philadelphia, and that a bond, signed by herself and others, conditioned that she do not return from New York during the continuance of the present war without permission from this Board, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

Mr. Van Campen, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Morrison, for the sum of forty-three pounds ten shillings and ten pence one farthing, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, balance of his account as one of the Commissioners for purchasing cloathing in York county.

A petition from John Taylor, late of the county of Chester, attainted of high treason, was read, praying this Board to take his case into consideration, and grant him a pardon for the said offence. Thereupon,

Resolved, That a pardon be granted him, on condition that he take the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the State, and give security himself in the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds specie, and two sureties, each in the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, for his good behaviour during the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 31, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

Mr. Van Campen, and

Ordered, That the Secretary inform John Maxwell Nesbitt, Sharp Delany, and Joseph Shewell, to attend at this Board on Monday next.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor George Wall, Junior, Esquire, for ninety pounds nine shillings and six pence specie, in full for his services as Agent of Confiscated Estates in the county of Bucks.

In favor of the same person, for the sum of thirty-one pounds seventeen shillings and two pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the balance for soldier's certificates received by him, and overpaid in the sale of John Reid's estates in Bucks county.

In favor of James Stevenson, for the sum of three hundred pounds, in part of his pay as Auditor for settling the depreciation of the pay of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

The report of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General, on the petition of Samuel Preston Moore, and others, referred to him by order of this Board, respecting a claim to divers city lots, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A like report on the petition of Mary Jenkins, referred the 18th of January last, respecting a claim to divers city lots, in right of the original purchases of Joseph Allibone and John Price, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A like report on the petition of Nicholas Young, respecting a claim to divers city lots appurtenant to the original purchases of John and Thomas Pierce, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

Mr. Van Campen, and

Ordered, That all persons who have demands against the State for horses and cattle purchased under the act of the General Assembly passed the first day of June, 1780, and for which certificates have been issued, be required to send in their certificates on or before the first day of August next, to the Waggon Masters and Commissioners of Purchase of the county in which they respectively live, or to Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in this city, at which time the accounts of those purchases will be finally closed and settled.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be published.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 3, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.

Mr. Levan, and

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of Property, the Honorable the Vice President and Doct'r Gardner were appointed members of the said Board, to meet at four o'clock this afternoon.

Ordered, That the following stores be immediately provided by the Quarter Master General, for the use of the militia of this State, vizt:

Three marques, four hundred common tents, five hundred camp kettles, two thousand knapsacks, one hundred canteens, two ream of paper, with ink and quills, one thousand five hundred cartouch boxes, and three covered waggons.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Clement Biddle, for one thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of providing camp equipage for the militia of this State now ordered to hold themselves in readiness, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr. Jacob Morris, for the sum of thirty-nine pounds specie, for pay as one of the Auditors of the Public Accounts, in full to the twenty-third day of March, 1782.

In favor of John Shee, Esquire, for the sum of forty-eight pounds specie, in full for his pay as one of the Auditors of the Public Accounts till the twenty-third day of March, 1782.

In favor of James Trimble, for the sum of seven pounds one shilling and two pence specie, amount of his expences in going to Reading, as a witness in behalf of the State in the cause pending between the State and the children of Andrew Allen, respecting the Big Spring tract.

In favor of Joseph Reed, Esquire, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, as a fee in the cause between the State and William Pollard.

In favor of Jared Ingersoll, Esquire, for the sum of nine pounds specie, as a fee in the cause between the State and Thomas Procter, respecting Hog Island.

In favor of William Smith, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, for the purpose of repairing the banks of Mud Island, for which he is to account.

The Council took into consideration several letters from General Irvine, respecting a proposed emigration from the western parts of the State, and respecting the killing of a number of Indians at Muskingum, said to be by a party of militia; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the letters from General Irvine, of the third and ninth instant, with the representations of Colonels Marshalls and Williamson, be laid before Congress, and that they be transmitted to the Delegates of the State in Congress, for that purpose.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Thomas Smith, for the sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds, amount of his account for his wages from the twenty-third day of January till the twentieth day of April, 1782, inclusive, (deducting 12 days absence,) 78 days, @ 30s. per day, for his attendance in Congress as a Delegate for this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. George Evans, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-three pounds eleven shillings and six pence specie, balance of his account for providing an entertainment, by order of this Board, on the birth-day of the Dauphin of France.

John Maxwell Nesbitt attended in Council, and being asked what monies were in his hands belonging to the estate of Andrew Elliott, he represented that Conyngham and Nesbitt had taken the estate now in his possession on a conditional lease, one part of which was that Conyngham and Nesbitt were to erect a woodden building thereupon, to be paid for at the expiration of the lease, which they had accordingly erected; that he believed there could be but very little balance on either side; that he was, however, ready to settle the account at any time; and he proposed appointing persons to value the said buildings, according to contract, which was the only point remaining to be done.

Ordered, That Mr. Nesbitt be requested to state, in writing, the contract between Conyngham and Nesbitt and Andrew Elliott, respecting the estate which Mr. Nesbitt now occupies, and also exhibit his accounts with Mr. Elliott; the whole to be done on oath, according to law.

Sharp Delany, Esquire, attended in Council, and on enquiry, represented that there was probably a balance due from Duffield and Delany, jointly or separately, to Doctor Yeldall; that a bond or note had been given for the sum originally received by them; and thereupon, there seems to be some difficulty in settling the accounts, as the bond or note may have been assigned before the attainder of Doctor Yeldall; but Doct'r Gardner observed, that a letter from Doctor Yeldall to his wife, which was intercepted, clearly proved that the bond had not been assigned.

Ordered, That Doctor Delany be requested to state the account between Duffield and Delany and Doctor Yeldall, and between himself and Doctor Yeldall, and exhibit them to the Council on oath, according to law.

Mr. Joseph Shewell attended in Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Van Campen, and

A petition from the fifth battalion of the militia of the county of Northampton, being read; on consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Lieutenant of the said county, and that he be directed to enquire into the facts therein complained of, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of sixteen pounds four shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account for his wages till the thirty-first of May, 1782, and cash for sundry articles for the Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 5, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Levan, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase, for the sum of seven pounds nine shillings and seven pence specie, for paying for supplies purchased for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In favor of the said Colonel Morgan, for the sum of two hundred and forty-nine pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for the purpose aforesaid, for which he is to account.

In favor of Charles Cessna, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being extra allowance for his services as Commissioner of Purchase in the county of Bedford.

In favor of said Charles Cessna, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, to be by him delivered to Messrs. Cessna and Dougherty, contractors for supplying with provisions the Ranging company and militia in actual service in the county of Bedford, for which the said contractors are to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 6th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Levan, and Mr. Van Campen.

The Council taking into consideration the case of Thomas Bailey, now under sentence, to be punished on Tuesday, the eleventh instant, for counterfeiting.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the county of York do suspend the execution of the sentence, passed by the Honorable the Justices of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at York town, for the abovementioned crime, till the twenty-fifth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 7, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Levan Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Van Campen, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jonathan Dickinson, Sergeant, for the sum of nine pounds specie, as a retaining fee for his services as Counsel for the State in the case between this State and Colonel Procter and others, respecting Hog Island.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Bayard.

A petition from Catharine M'Fee, praying a pass to New York, to endeavor to obtain a release for her husband, Matthew McFee, now a prisoner with the enemy.

Resolved, That a pass to New York cannot, consistent with the rule of the Board, be granted; but that a pass be granted to the petitioner to go to Dobb's ferry, on the North river, and to return again, for the purpose above mentioned.

Resolved, That a like pass be granted to Sarah Walsh.

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Ruth Hartshorn, praying a pass to Elizabethtown; and thereupon,

Agreed, to reject her petition.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 10, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, &
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Bayard.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of two thousand pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A petition from Margaret Mann, for a pass to New York, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass to New York cannot be granted, consistent with a rule of this Board; but that a pass be granted to the petitioner to go to Dobbs' ferry, on the North river, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr Van Campen, Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Levan, and

The Council taking into consideration the practicability of some emissary of the enemy taking away in the night time, the seven colours taken from the Hessian regiment by General Washington, at Trenton, in December, 1776, and sent by the General to the Council of Safety then sitting in this city;

Ordered, That the Secretary do remove the said colors from the Council Chamber, and retain them in his possession until the further order of this Board.

Mr. Gideon Ritchey, one of the Agents of Forfeited Estates for the county of Bedford, made the return of the sale of a certain tract of land in the county of Bedford, containing about eighteen hundred acres, divided into two tracts, the one containing fourteen hundred and ninety-five acres, sold to James Woods, of the county of Cumberland, for the sum of two thousand and five pounds. The other containing three hundred and twenty-five acres, sold to the said James Woods, for the sum of one hundred and seventy pounds, and certifying the payment of the said purchase monies in officers certificates. He also informed the Council that the said James Woods was now attending, and requested a title may be granted to him for the same.

The Council recurring to the proclamation dated March the twentieth, 1781, on which the attaint of Harry Gordon, and the seizure of the said tract of land, is said to be founded, observe: that Henry Gordon is there called upon to render himself and abide his trial, &c., and that the said lands have been sold as late the property of Harry Gordon, were unanimously of opinion that the seizure and sale of the said tract of land is void and of none effect; whereupon,

Ordered, That Gideon Ritchey be directed to return the said sum of two thousand and five pounds, and one hundred and seventy pounds, to the said James Woods, in like certificates with those received by him in payment thereof.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Kitty Caswell, to go to Dobbs' ferry, on the North river, and to return again.

Ordered, That a like pass be granted to Sarah Cochran.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Hughes, of the company of Rangers to be raised in the county of Washington, for the sum of sixty-five pounds specie, being two months' pay for himself, Lieutenant Gabriel Peterson, and Ensign James Morrison, officers of the said company, for which they are to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That passes to Holston's river, in the State of Virginia, be granted to Jacob Snevely and Adam Rice, and to return again.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Gideon Ritchey, and Michael Cryder, Esquires, Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Bedford, for the sum of thirty-two pounds seventeen shillings and three pence specie, balance of their account dated the twelfth instant.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Fisher, for the sum of ninety-four pounds six shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account for repairs done to the light house belonging to this State, which account has been examined and found right, by the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

A petition from Assheton Humphreys, praying this Board to appoint him a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and setting forth as a reason for such his application, that William Barton, Esquire, lately appointed to that office, hath declined the execution thereof, was read; and on consideration,

The same was dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 14, 1782

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Bayard.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messrs. Daniel Rees, and Daniel Montgomery, for the sum of ninety-one pounds five shillings specie, balance of their account for supplying Captain Robinson's company of Rangers, &c., with provisions to the third instant.

An application from Mr. William McNair, Agent of Confiscated Estates in the county of Northampton, was read, setting forth that a certain James Doak, hath purchased a lot of land situate in the township of Bethlehem, in the said county, late the estate of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor; that a certain Thomas Hartman is in possession of the said premises and refuses to deliver up the same; whereupon, the said Agent hath prayed that the said James Doak may be put in possession of the said premises, agreeably to act of Assembly. On consideration,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the county of Northampton be directed to give possession of the said lot of land to the said James Doak, in due form of law, he paying the incidental expences.

The representation and petition of sundry officers of the second and third class of the sixth battalion of militia of the county of Lancaster, stating their case and praying payment for their services in June and July last, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be transmitted to the Lieutenant of the said county of Lancaster, and that he do therein according to law.

The petition of George Thompson, of the county of Cumberland, convicted of manslaughter, praying pardon, was read; a recommendation of the Judges of the Supreme Court before whom the said Thompson was tried, addressed to the Council, representing him as a person to whom mercy may, without impropriety, be extended: And several petitions and recommendations signed by other persons, were read; whereupon, on consideration,

Ordered, That the said John Thompson be pardoned.

The record of conviction of Charles Workeiser, of the county of Northampton, of the crime of murder, and sentenced to be hanged until he be dead, was read; and the petition of divers persons

praying full pardon for the said Charles Workeiser, was also read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued for the execution of the said sentence against the said Charles Workeiser, on Saturday, the twenty ninth day of June, 1782, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon, at the usual place of execution in the said county.

The record of conviction of Walter Butler, of the county of Northampton, of the crime of murder, and sentenced to be hanged until he be dead, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a like warrant be issued for the execution of the said sentence upon the said Walter, upon the day above mentioned.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 15, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That passes to go to Dobbs' ferry, on the North river, and to return again, be granted to Ann Hampton, Sarah Kerr, and Catharine Ware.

The following gentlemen, vizt: John Steinmetz, Sharp Delaney, Samuel Morris, Henry Hill, and George Gray, having been requested to attend in Council this day at twelve o'clock, attended at one o'clock; and also Mr. Thomas Rees, who happening to be in the city, was so kind as to attend, when the Council stated to these gentlemen the great difficulties they labour under from the state of the Treasury, and especially from the difficulty of borrowing any money on the funds proposed by the General Assembly to be pledged for that purpose, and requested their sentiments as to the calling the General Assembly, or other measures necessary to be pursued in the present exigency; and having had a free conference on the subject, it appeared to be the unanimous sentiment of those gentlemen, that the calling of the General Assembly before the time to which they stand adjourned cannot be attended with any advantages, as they saw nothing within their power to do tending to remove the difficulties which have arisen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 17th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of one thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, vizt:

To Charles Risk, for lot No. 46. Consideration one hundred and twenty-one pounds.

To Alexander Carlisle, for lot No. 50. Consideration one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

To Thomas Leiper, for lots numbered 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, and 251. Consideration three hundred and seventy-six pounds.

To Nemoz and Valliant, for lots No. 266, 267, and 268. Consideration one hundred and ninety-one pounds.

To Michael Gitz, for lots No. 302 & 303. Consideration fifty-two pounds.

To William Gettys, for lots No. 316 and 317. Consideration one hundred and twenty pounds.

To James Hood, for lots No. 318 & 319. Consideration eighty-two pounds.

To John Westcoat, for lots No. 414 and 415. Consideration forty pounds.

To John Hood, for lots No. 420, 421, 422, and 423. Consideration one hundred and thirty-six pounds.

To John Dunlap, for lots No. from 436 to 442, inclusive, and from 450 to 455, and for lots No. 445, 446, 447, and 448. Consideration one thousand and thirty-one pounds.

To Peter Summer, for lots numbered 456, 457, 458, and 459. Consideration one hundred and seventy-four pounds.

To Samuel Miles, for lots marked from 464 to 469, inclusive, and from 474 to 476, inclusive. Consideration three hundred and fifty-one pounds.

To John Hood, for lots numbered from 538 to 543, inclusive. Consideration three hundred and sixty pounds.

To Michael Gitz, for lot No. 753. Consideration thirty pounds.

To Siegmund Ruckle, for lots No. from 780 to 783. Consideration seventy-nine pounds.

To Thomas Curgee, for lots No. 768, 769, and 770. Consideration fifty-two pounds.

To John Dunlap, for lots numbered from 800 to 815, inclusive. Consideration four hundred and eight pounds.

To James Hunter, for lot No. 894 & 895. Consideration fifty-six pounds.

To James Hunter, for lots No. 896, 897, 898, and 899. Consideration seventy-eight pounds.

To William Sheaff, for lots numbered from 958 to 965, inclusive. Consideration seven hundred and sixty-four pounds.

To James Budden, for lots numbered from 966 to 973, inclusive. Consideration three hundred and seventy-five pounds.

To John Dunlap, for lots numbered from 986 to 993. Consideration two hundred and ninety-six pounds.

To James Hunter, for lots numbered 994, 995, and 996. Consideration one hundred and fifty-six pounds,

To James Craig, for lots numbered 998, 999, 1000, and 1001. Consideration two hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

To Michael Gitz, for lot No. 1007. Consideration fifty pounds.

To Thomas Shields, for lots No. 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, and 1029. Consideration two hundred and fifty pounds.

To Frederick Bicking, for lots No 1059 and 1060. Consideration fifty-six pounds.

To John Steinmetz, for lots numbered from 1075 to 1092, and 217, 218. Consideration one hundred and eighty-two pounds.

To John Dunlap, for lots numbered from 1103 to 1107. Consideration two hundred and thirty-four pounds.

To Doctor John Sparhawk, for lot No. 1111. Consideration sixty pounds.

To Joseph Ogden, for lots No. 1118, 1119, 1120, and 1121. Consideration one hundred and seventy-six pounds.

To Joseph Deem, for lots numbered from 1148 to 1157. Consideration two hundred and twenty pounds.

To George Walker, for lots numbered from 1186 to 1187. Consideration one hundred and eighteen pounds.

To Francis M'Clister, for lots No. 632 and 633. Consideration fifty-four pounds.

To James Caldwell, for lots No. 1190, 1191, 1192, and 1193. Consideration one hundred and forty-seven pounds.

To the same person, for lots No. 1360, 1361, and 1362. Consideration one hundred and ninety-six pounds.

To James Hunter, for lots No. 1216, 1217, and 1218. Consideration one hundred and thirty-two pounds.

To Joseph Ogden, for lots No. 1260, 1261, and 1262. Consideration one hundred pounds.

To George Bickheim, for lots No. from 1263 to 1265, and from 1287 to 1292, inclusive. Consideration three hundred and fifty pounds.

To David Rittenhouse for lots numbered from 1299 to 1303. Consideration two hundred and twenty-two pounds.

To Elias Boys, for lots No. 1357, 1358, and 1359. Consideration one hundred and fifty pounds.

To Gavin Hamilton, Sen'r, for lots No. from 1369 to 1374, and from 1387 to 1392, inclusive. Consideration four hundred and twenty-eight pounds.

To Joseph Dean, for lots numbered from 1010 to 1021, inclusive. Consideration five hundred and twenty-five pounds.

To Andrew Geyer, for lots numbered from 1462 to 1472. Consideration one hundred and ninety-six pounds.

To Blair M'Clenahan, for lots No. from 1479 to 1484, inclusive. Consideration two hundred and twelve pounds.

To Elias Boys, for lots numbered from 1485 to 1490, inclusive. Consideration one hundred and eighty six pounds.

To Joseph Ogden, for lots numbered 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, and 1509. Consideration one hundred and forty-nine pounds.

To the same person, for lots No. 1556 add 1558. Consideration ninety-five pounds.

To Thomas Shields, for lot No. 1591. Consideration eighty-eight pounds.

To Joseph Ogden, for lots numbered 1621, 1622, and 1623. Consideration one hundred and four pounds.

To Peter Whitesides, for lot marked W. Consideration one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

All which sums the persons before mentioned have paid into the hands of David Rittenhouse, Treasurer, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the fifteenth day of June, 1782.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Mr. Charles Miller, for lots marked 16, 17, 18, and 19, part of the island commonly called Province Island, sold for the redemption of the Bills of Credit of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed dated the fifteenth day of April, 1782.

The Council feeling the greatest distress from the sufferings of the public creditors, and from the difficulties arising out of the want of money in the Treasury, in the present critical situation of public affairs, when the contracts for provisions to supply the forces in the State service are becoming due, over and beside the common expences of the war and of government, and of a call of militia is daily expected, took into consideration the calling of the General Assembly. This Council being unanimously of the opinion that the present exigencies of the State render it indispensably necessary to call the General Assembly as soon as possible,

Ordered, That the General Assembly be called to meet at this place on Thursday the first day of August next, for the consideration of the difficulties arising in public affairs.

Ordered, That the Sheriffs of the several counties of the State be furnished with the foregoing order, and that they respectively be required to give due notice to each of the Representatives of their respective counties to meet accordingly; and that the Sheriff of the city of Philadelphia do give like notice to the Representatives thereof.

The Council taking into consideration the following resolution of the General Assembly, vizt:

"In General Assembly,
Monday, Ap'l 1, 1782.

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive Council be, and they "are hereby empowered to allow the same bounty for troops en- "gaged for the frontier service, as shall for the time being be given "to troops engaged by this State for the Federal army."

Ordered, That Captain John Hughes of the company of Rangers to be raised in the county of Washington, be directed to give a bounty not exceeding nine pounds specie, for such recruits as he may raise till his company be completed.

In Council.

Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 18th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Frailey and Owen Ferris, for two pounds specie, for their services in securing James M'Cullough, a deserter from the Continental army.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which sum he is to account.

The petition of John Thompson, convicted in Lancaster county of a misdemeanor; being read and considered,

Ordered, That the fines imposed on the said Thompson be remitted, on condition he enter on board the South Carolina frigate, commanded by Commodore Gillon, and serve faithfully on board the said ship during the war, and that he be not released from his

present confinement till the Sheriff of Lancaster county receive an order from this Board for that purpose.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, Vice President, for the sum of sixty pounds specie, in part of his salary as Vice President, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Daniel Rhoads, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, to be by him paid to Bernard Dougherty and Charles Cessna, Esquires, of Bedford county, in part of their contract for supplying the company of Rangers and militia stationed in the said county, for which they are to account.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, vizt:—To Jacob Stehely, conveying a certain tract or plantation situate in Heidleberg township, in the county of Berks, containing thirty-two acres and one hundred and six perches of land, part of the estate late of Andrew Allen, an attainted traitor: Seized and sold agreeably to law, to the said Jacob Stehely, for seven hundred and seventy-one pounds and four shillings specie, subject to a yearly ground rent of twenty-three bushels and four thirtieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum the said Jacob Stehely hath paid the Agents of the said county, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the aforesaid ground rent. Deed dated the fifteenth of June, 1782.

To James Caldwell, conveying a certain tract or piece of land situate in Northern Liberties township, in the county of Philadelphia, containing three acres and sixty-six perches of land, late part of the estate of John Parrock, an attainted traitor: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the confiscated estate late of said Parrock, to the said James Caldwell, for the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred pounds, old Continental money, subject to the yearly ground rent of five bushels and nineteen twentieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum the said James Caldwell hath paid to the Agents of the said county, the remaining one-fourth to be reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the fifteenth of June, 1782.

To Edmund Milne; conveying a certain tract or plantation situate in Whitpaine township, in the county of Philadelphia, containing seventy-five acres of land, late the estate of John Robeson, an attainted traitor: Seized and sold agreeably to law, to the said Edmund Milne, for the sum of seven hundred and fifteen pounds, subject to a yearly ground rent of twenty-one bushels and nine twentieth parts of a bushel of good merchantable wheat, payable to the Trustees of the University of this State, three-fourths of which sum the said Edmund Milne hath paid to the Agents of said county, the remaining one-fourth being reserved for the purpose aforesaid. Deed dated the fifteenth of June, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.

A letter from Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, dated June 10, 1782, was read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

The petition of Henry Guiger and Maria C. Hartman, respecting the enlistment of said Hartman's son, &c., was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to John Arndt and Robert Levers, Esquires, to enquire and determine thereupon.

James Searle, Esquire, lately arrived from France, waited on Council, and was introduced to the members.

On application,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, deliver to Captain Morris, or his order, one hundred and fifty pistol cartridges for the Light Horse.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Gardner, for the sum of two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for medicine furnished to the militia in October, 1781.

Ordered, That the said Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire, or his order, one hundred and fifty weight of lead and five hundred flints, for the use of the militia and Ranging company of Northampton county, to be forwarded to Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of said county, for which he is to account.

A commission was made out under the great seal of the State, and signed by his Excellency the President, constituting and appointing William Bradford, Junior, James Wilson, Joseph Reed and Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquires, Counsellors and Agents, and Henry Osborne, Esquire, Solicitor, in the cause now depending before Congress between the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of four hundred and eighty-eight pounds specie, for paying for supplies purchased for the use of the army, for which sum he is to account.

The Council considering the judgment of the Court respecting the controversy between James Smith and Samuel Lyons, respecting a number of cattle said to have been bought by the said Lyons from the said Smith,

Ordered, That the said Lyons do remove the said judgment; and that Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, be requested to enter security for the said Lyons upon the said appeal; and this Council do hereby engage to bear harmless the said Morgan therein.

Samuel Lyons, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchase for the county of Cumberland, having represented that there remains in his hands a quantity of flour, grain and forage, purchased agreeably to act of Assembly passed the twenty third day of March, 1780, entitled "An Act for procuring a supply of provisions and "other necessaries for the use of the army," which articles are in danger of great waste. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said Commissioner do make sale of the aforesaid articles at public vendue, or otherwise dispose of them as he shall judge most for the interests of the State, as soon may be, and make report of his proceedings therein to this Board.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the nineteenth of June, 1782, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the same date, respecting the robbery of the southern mail. On consideration,

Ordered, That a reward of two hundred dollars be paid to any person or persons who shall secure and deliver the said mail to any Justice of the Peace of this State, and one hundred dollars for each person who shall be apprehended and convicted of the said robbery, to be paid on conviction, to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said robbers, or either of them; the said reward, when paid, to be charged to the United States; that any persons

concerned in the said robbery, who shall surrender and give up information of his accomplices, so as that they shall be convicted, shall be pardoned.

Ordered, That a proclamation be accordingly issued.

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The southern post was robbed of his mail on Sunday, the sixteenth day of this present month, within five miles of Harford, in the State of Maryland, and the United States in Congress assembled, by their act of the nineteenth day of the same month, resolved that the Executives of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, be requested to pursue the most likely measures, by offering public rewards at the expence of the United States, and otherwise, for recovering the mail, and bringing the robbers to due punishment:

Wherefore, from a due regard to the said request, as well as from a strong sense of the justice and propriety thereof, we do hereby offer a public reward of two hundred dollars to any person or persons who shall secure the said mail and deliver the same to any Justice of this State within sixty days from the day of the date hereof; and also the further reward of one hundred dollars for each and every person who shall be apprehended and convicted of the said robbery, to be paid to such person or persons who shall apprehend such robber or robbers and secure him or them in any jail within this State: And we do hereby strictly charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables and other peace officers of the State, that they make dilligent search for the said mail, and on finding the same to give due notice thereof to us: And we do hereby charge and require them and every of them, to make dilligent search for, and apprehend and secure all and every person and persons concerned in the said robbery, so that the said robbers may be brought to condign punishment for the same: And we do hereby offer free pardon to any person concerned in the said robbery, who shall surrender himself and give information of his accomplices therein, so that they or either of them shall be apprehended and convicted of the said robbery.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twentieth day of June, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

WILLIAM MOORE, President.

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH!

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Samuel Hunter be directed to pay to the Pay Master of Northumberland county, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds specie, put into his hands for the purpose of recruiting Captain Robinson's company, and that the same be applied in paying the six months' men one month's pay.

Ordered, That Colonel Hunter be requested to purchase a quantity of leather for shoes for Captain Robinson's company, and that the costs be charged to account of said company.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Agents of the State appointed to conduct the cause now pending before Congress, between this State and the State of Connecticut, be instructed to use their utmost endeavours to bring the same to issue as soon as possible, consistent with the interest of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, or his order, for the sum of five hundred and eighty-six pounds eighteen shillings and one penny, being amount of his half per cent. commissions on one hundred and seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty-one pounds four shillings and eleven pence, amount of the sales of the State Island and city lots.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 22d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Byers, (now first returned from his family.)

Ordered, That a pass be granted to William Ross and his family, to go to New York.

The petition of Thomas Bailey, convicted of a misdemeanor in passing counterfeit dollars, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held at York-town, for the county of York, on the seventh day of May last, and sentenced to "stand in and on the pillory of the county of York, for the space of one hour, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June instant, between the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and one of the clock in the afternoon of the same day; that he should then and there have both his ears cut off and nailed to the pillory; and that the said Thomas Bailey should be then and there whipped with fifteen lashes on his bare back, well laid on; that he should pay a fine of one hundred pounds—one half to the State, and the other half to Robert M'Minn, the discoverer—and discharge the costs of prosecution, and remain in the Sheriff's custody till the said sentence should be complied with," praying pardon, was read. And on consideration,

Ordered, That the corporal punishment only, of the said Thomas Bailey, be remitted, on condition, nevertheless, that he enter to serve in the Pennsylvania line during the war, without bounty, or that he procure a man to serve in the said line during the war, which shall be approved and accepted by a recruiting officer in the said line, free from bounty.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

Resolved, That the Agents for this State in the dispute with Connecticut, be empowered to offer to the Agents on the part of Connecticut, a free inspection and examination of all or any of the public records of this State in the hands of the proper officers, which may, by the State of Connecticut, be thought necessary for them in their cause.

On motion,

Ordered, That Abraham Smith, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, be directed to order into service forthwith, one company of the militia of the said county, to consist of fifty men, to be marched to the county of Northumberland for the defence of the frontiers, and to be stationed in such a manner as the Lieutenant of Northumberland shall direct.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing, (now first returned from his family.)
Mr. Levan,	

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the twenty-fourth day of June instant, inclosing resolves of Congress of the twenty-first, respecting the trade carried on with the enemy at New York.

A pass was granted to Joseph Carleton, to go to Cape May, in the State of New Jersey, with permission to take with him a mulatto man of the name of Peter Price, and a light waggon and two horses, and to return again.

A pass was granted to Jane Wells to go to Dobbs' Ferry, on the North river, and to return again.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer:

In favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, for the sum of one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight pounds three shillings and eight pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, and for the sum of three hundred and forty pounds and five pence half penny, for paying for supplies purchased for the use of the army, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr. Francis Bailey, for the sum of fifty-three pounds three shillings and six pence specie, for printing for the use of the Council, in full to this day.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia marked in the general plan of city lots, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, vizt:

To John Taylor, for lots No. 1253 and 1254. Consideration forty-six pounds.

To John M'Kimm, for lot No. 1333. Consideration thirty-one pounds.

To Richard Barry, for lots No. 1334 and 1335. Consideration fifty-eight pounds.

To William Jackson, for lot No. 1255. Consideration twenty-one pounds.

All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid to David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Gardner, &

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers city lots marked in the general plan of city lots, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, viz:

To Adam Geyer, for seven lots numbered from 930 to 933, and from 952 to 954. Consideration four hundred and eighty-six pounds.

To William Sheaff, for ten lots numbered from 934 to 937, from 946 to 948, and from 955 to 957. Consideration eight hundred and sixty pounds.

All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid to the Treasurer.

One other deed to Edward Fox, for lots numbered from 1130 to 1134 inclusive, examined and signed by the President, sold as aforesaid, for one hundred and fourteen pounds, and the money paid accordingly, to the Treasurerof the State.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Patton, William Allibone, and Francis Gurney, Esquires, Commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, for the sum of three hundred pounds specie, to be paid out of the duties arising from tonnage, for which sum the said Commissioners are to account.

In favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, for the sum of three hundred and ninety-six pounds seventeen shillings and one penny half penny specie, in full of his account for furnishing rations to the militia and ranging company of Northampton county, stationed in the said county.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Lawrence Erb, Ensign of Captain Philip Shrawder's company of Rangers, raised in Northampton county, be appointed Lieutenant of the said company.

Ordered, That John Beaton, Esquire, of the county of Chester, be appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and of the Orphans' Court of the said county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Byers.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Northampton be directed to call out a greater number than one hundred men at any one time for the protection of that county, but by special order of this Board.

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to this Board that, under pretence of supplying British prisoners with cloathing, a store of British merchandize is opened in or near the borough of Lancaster, within this State, whereby a clandestine traffic is carried on between the inhabitants of this county and those who reside within the garrisons and places therein, now in the possession of the enemy, a market is provided for British merchandize, the circulating specie is exported from the United States, the payment of taxes rendered more difficult and burthensome to the people at large, and great discouragement occasioned to honest and lawful commerce,

Ordered, That William Henry, Esquire, of the ssid borough, taking to his assistance a Justice of the Peace of Lancaster, do enquire concerning, and inspect the store in the said borough which has been opened on the pretence aforesaid, and if it shall appear that any goods, wares, and merchandizes, shall be found therein other than made up uniforms for the said prisoners, to take possession of the said stores with all merchandize therein contained, and report to this Board; placing a suffieient guard to secure the same until further order from this Board. And if any goods, wares, and merchandize, other than made up uniforms, shall hereafter be brought into the said borough or county, under the pretence aforesaid, to seize and secure the same in like manner and report to this Board.

Ordered, That all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and other peace officers of the State, be required to arrest all persons found hawking or peddling contrary to law, and more especially all British prisoners, whether natives of that country or foreigners; and the wives or agents of such British prisoners who shall be found selling or offering to sell or barter any goods, wares, or merchandizes, of any kind, under any pretence whatsoever, in order that they may be dealt with according to law.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 28, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Ewing.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of repairing arms for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

The Council having received information that there was reason to apprehend that the "act for the preservation of fish in the rivers Delaware, Susquehanna, and the Lehigh, commonly called the Western Branch of Delaware," is not duly respected, and that the violation of the directions thereof were not presented on oath to the Justices of the Quarter Sessions of the several counties as the said act directs; and as a disregard of the said act would probably be productive of very great and lasting injury to the inhabitants on and near the said rivers,

Ordered, That copies of the said act be transmitted to the Prothonotaries of the counties of York, Cumberland, Lancaster, Northumberland, Bucks, and Northampton, with directions to have the same put into the hands of the Justices of the said counties, in order that the same may be duly regarded and put into execution.

The petition of Charles Werkeiser, of the county of Northampton, convicted of murder, praying a respite of execution until the next sitting of the General Assembly, was read; & on consideration, dismissed.

A letter from William Scott, dated June 15, 1782, inclosing proceedings of a court martial.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard.

A petition from Ann Carpenter, of the city of Philadelphia, praying a pass to New York, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Dobbs' ferry, on the North river, and to return again.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, in part of his wages, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That the claim of Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill and Richard Wells, respecting a claim to divers city lots, be heard on Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that they be notified accordingly.

Ordered, That the claim of Nicholas Young to divers city lots be heard on Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that he be notified accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Byers.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Charles Thompson, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds specie, for two kettles taken for public service in the year 1776, for manufacturing salt.

In favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General of the State, for the sum of fifteen pounds eight shillings and eight pence specie, in full of his account of expences of witnesses on the trial at Carlisle between the State and General Roberdeau.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds two shillings and six pence specie, for his wages as Doorkeeper, in full to the thirtieth of June, 1782.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of Property, it was

Agreed, That his Excellency the President and the Honorable Doctor Gardner do meet the other members of the said Board at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots as follows, vizt:

To John McCulloh, for lots No. 78 and 79. Consideration fifteen pounds.

To Richardson Sands, for lots No. 373, 374, and 375. Consideration one hundred and nine pounds.

To Thomas Leiper, for lots numbered from 625 to 631, and from 649 to 655. Consideration three hundred and seven pounds.

To Robert Bridges, for lots numbered from 656 to 672, and from 676 to 682. Consideration six hundred and thirty-four pounds.

To James Caldwell, for lots numbered from 816 to 847, and from 863 to 877. Consideration one thousand two hundred and sixty-four pounds.

To John Dunlap, for lots numbered from 878 to 893. Consideration three hundred and six pounds.

To the same person, for lots numbered from 920 to 929. Consideration one hundred and fifty-five pounds.

To Charles W. Peale, for lots numbered from 1038 to 1042. Consideration one hundred and eighty-two pounds.

To John Holmes, for lots numbered 1108, 1109, 1110, 1112. Consideration one hundred and eighty-seven pounds.

To Benjamin Harbeson, for lots No. 1525, 1526, 1527, and 1528. Consideration ninety-three pounds.

To Andrew Porter, for lot No. 1553. Consideration eighty-one pounds.

To James Caldwell, for lots No. 1580 and 1581. Consideration one hundred and eighty-four pounds.

To William Milner, for lots No. 1611, 1612, 1613, and 1614. Consideration one hundred and twenty-four pounds.

To John Taylor, for lots No. 1618, 1619, and 1620. Consideration ninety-eight pounds.

To William Grey, for lot No. 1717. Consideration one hundred and seventy pounds.

All which sums the persons before mentioned have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the twenty-ninth day of June, 1782.

The memorial of Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill, and Richard Wells, of September the 5th, 1781, in behalf of themselves and others, the heirs of Richard Hill, was read.

The report of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General, on the said memorial of the first of May, 1782, was read.

Doctor Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill, and Richard Wells, attended in Council.

It was agreed to proceed to enquire concerning the lots claimed in the order in which they stand in the memorial.

By the report of the Surveyor General, it appears that William Bacon stands (in his office) as a five thousand acre purchaser, who, it is said, by deed of lease and release of the nineteenth and twentieth days of February, 1718–'19, conveyed the same to Humphrey Murray and John Budd, with its appurtenances. On motion of the memorialists, a subpœna was issued to the Master of the Rolls, or his Deputy, to appear before the Board, and bring with him book F, vol. 5, of the records in his office, said to contain deeds of lease and release from William Bacon to the aforesaid Murray and Budd. And Nathan Jones accordingly appeared, and on search the deed was there found, as set forth by the memorialists; and also like conveyance from the said Budd and Murray to Richard Hill, who devised the city lots and liberty land appurtenant to the said purchase to the memorialists. The report of the Surveyor General on the claim of the memorialists, in right of the said William Bacon and others, purchasers of land from William Penn, first Proprietor of Pennsylvania, is as follows:

His Excellency the President and Council:

Agreeably to the order of Council of the sixth of September, 1781, on the memorial of Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill, and Richard Wells, I beg leave to

Report, that I have carefully examined my office, and find that William Bacon stands as a five thousand acre purchaser, who, it is said, by deeds of lease and release of the nineteenth and twentieth days of February, 1718—'19, conveyed the same to Humphrey Murray and John Budd, with its appurtenances. I find a warrant dated the fifth of the third month, 1719, for two thousand acres, another dated the twenty-eighth of the sixth month, in the same year, for two thousand nine hundred and twenty acres, and another dated the fifth of the third month, in the said year, for eighty acres of liberty land and city lots appurtenant to said purchase. I do not find that the city lots have been laid out which fell on Schuylkill side, but there is vacant ground, both on the High street and Schuylkill Front streets, sufficient for that purpose—Front lot, No. 12, and High street lot, No. 35. I find a warrant to Daniel Pastorius, dated the fourteenth of the twelfth month, 1683, for two hundred acres of land, and a city lot to be laid out as the Governor

should direct, but I do not find any survey or return made on said warrant. See the same. I do not find the name of Henry Johnston, as a first purchaser, in my books; but I find a return of three hundred acres of land in Philadelphia county, made for him in 1691—'2. I find a warrant granted to John Martin, dated the second of the sixth month, 1684, and surveyed the same day. See the return made to Robert Prismal, in right of John Martin, between the Fourth and Fifth streets from Delaware river, and between Sassafras and Vine streets. I find Thomas and Richard Pierce, Samuel Taverner and Thomas Philips's lots, both on High street and Front street on Schuylkill side, have been laid out and returned in the year 1688, and are ready for those who can show the best title.

I find Nicholas Moore stands as a purchaser of ten thousand acres. The city lots, both Delaware and Schuylkill, have been laid out and returned into the Secretary's office the eighth of the twelfth month, 1694—'5, agreeable to said purchase. The three lots on the Schuylkill side remain unoccupied. and are ready for those who can make the best title.

I am, with respect,
Your h'ble serv't,
JOHN LUKENS, S. G.

May 1, 1782.

5th July, 1782.—On a careful search in my office, I find Henry Litchfield stands a purchaser of five hundred acres. His lot fell upon the Schuylkill side, No. 82, between Mulberry and Sassafras streets, Third and Fourth streets from Schuylkill. I find a warrant dated the third of the eleventh month, 1683, No. 1481, for laying out the same, but do not find it was ever executed.

JOHN LUKENS, S. G.

The council then proceeded to consider the claims of the memorialists to city lots, &c., in right of Daniel Pastorius, and Samuel Taverner, and Thomas and John Phelps, or Philips, when they produced the following titles:

1st. William Penn, by warrant of the fourteenth of the twelfth month, 1683, directed two hundred acres to be laid out in German township, and a city lot where he (the Proprietary) should direct; seventh of the second month, 1688, Thomas Fairman was ordered to lay it out, as appears by note on the warrant. Daniel Pastorius the sixth of the sixth month, 1719, sold to Richard Hill the intended favor of the lot.

2nd. William Penn, the 3rd and 4th of the third month, 1682, granted five thousand acres, vizt: to Richard Pierce, one thousand acres; to Thomas Pierce, one thousand acres; to Thomas Philips, one thousand acres; to Samuel Taverner, one thousand acres; & to James Craven, one thousand acres; which five persons were admitted by J. Lukens to be original purchasers. Thomas Pierce,

son and heir of Richard Pierce, Thomas Pierce, for himself, John Phelps, son and heir of Thomas Phelps, and Samuel Taverner, by a deed, quin-quepartite, the twenty-fourth of the 6th month, 1704, granted four thousand acres to James Shattick and Edward Lane, as joint tenants, as ℔ record E 6, vol. 7, page 160. Edward Lane dying before James Shattick, the lands and lots devolved upon Shattick by survivorship, as appears by deed from Shattick to Pauling, E 7, vol 8, pa'e 420, dated 10th Sept'r, 1703. James Shattick, the seventeenth of November, 1717, sells to Richard Hill, with sundry other lots. In virtue of the above conveyances, patents were issued for part of the lots, as ℔ large patent.

After some time spent in the examination of the same titles, the further consideration thereof was deferred till Friday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

General Lincoln sent information of the failure of the expedition against Sandusky, and the loss of about thirty men, killed and wounded, and the return of the remainder of the property.

Ordered, That the claim of Nicholas Young to divers city lots be heard to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the claim of Mary Jenkins be heard to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 2, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr Bayard,	Mr. Levan.
Mr. Ewing,	

Nicholas Young attended in Council, and having laid several papers before the Council, the further hearing thereof is adjourned till the further order of this Board.

Mary Jenkins requesting to have the hearing of her claim postponed, the same is postponed till further order.

Ordered, That the claim of Thomas Forrest, respecting a city lot, be heard to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and that he be notified accordingly.

Ordered, That the claim of Benjamin Davis, respecting a city lot, be heard to-morrow at twelve o'clock, and that he be notified accordingly.

A letter from John Henry, dated the first day July instant, requesting permission to deliver a lecture on heads, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said request be not granted.

A pass was granted to John Moyes to go to the city of New York and not to return again.

An application from James Chambers, of Cumberland county, to be appointed Prothonotary of the new county to be struck off from Cumberland, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 3, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Levan.

Benjamin Davis attended in Council, and requested that he might be permitted to withdraw his memorial, on which he was this day to have been heard; and thereupon, it was

Ordered, That Benjamin Davis be permitted to withdraw his memorial.

Ordered, That the claim of Captain Thomas Mason to a city lot, be heard on Monday morning next at eleven o'clock, and that he be notified accordingly.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

One in favor of Isaac Anderson, for the sum of nine pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, for the purpose of bearing his expences from this place to the county of Westmoreland, he being an inhabitant of the said county, taken prisoner with Col. Lochry, and carried into Canada, from whence he hath made his escape to this place on his way home.

And the other in favor of Richard Wallace, for the sum of seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence specie, for the purpose of bearing his expences to the said county, he being an inhabitant thereof, and taken prisoner as aforesaid.

The petition of John Gensill, praying permission to remove himself and effects from this State, in the best manner he can, as a neutral citizen, was read; and

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Passes were granted to Gerrald Forrester and John Henry, to go to New York and to return again.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Peartch, for the sum of twenty-eight pounds two shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account for rails for fencing in the publick lands at Billingsport.

An application from Mr. Samuel Caldwell, setting forth that he hath purchased at a sale of confiscated estates, one hundred and five acres of banked meadow, part of Hogg Island, in the river Delaware, late the estate of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor; and praying the aid of this Board, to cause possession to be given him agreeably to act of Assembly, of the part so purchased, was taken into consideration: and thereupon,

Ordered, That Henry Osborne, Esquire, one of the Agents for the sale of Confiscated Estates in the county of Philadelphia, be directed to give possession of the said premises, agreeably to a late survey, to the said Samuel Caldwell, in due form of law, he paying the incidental expences.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of John Gensill, praying permission to remove himself and his effects from this State, &c; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Ambrose Croker, for lots No. 182 and 183, in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Consideration one hundred and sixty-one pounds. Deed dated the third instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 5, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan.

The Honorable Sebastian Levan presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Council, as follows, vizt:

For his attendance in Council from the twenty-third of May till the fifth of July, 1782, 44 days, @ 17s 6 per day, and mileage on 120 miles, @ s6, - £41 10 0

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Sebastian Levan, for the sum of forty-one pounds ten shillings, amount of the said account.

Ordered, That the claims of Thomas Forrest and Joseph Morris to divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, be heard on Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock in the morning, and that they be notified accordingly.

The Council proceeded to hear the claim of Samuel Preston Moore, Henry Hill, and Richard Wells, under Henry Johnston.

They produced a paper as a copy of a warrant to the said Johnston, late purchaser of three hundred acres, &c., requiring Thomas Holmes to survey unto him a lot in the city, as covenient as may be, he fencing it in and building upon the same within six months after the date of survey, and make return, &c. Warrant dated the second day of the eighth month, 1684.

Quere, if ever complied with.

The Council proceeded to hear the memorialists on their several claims, under John Martin, Nicholas Moore, & Henry Litchfield; when they produced their titles under the said persons respectfully. Briefs whereof are as follow, vizt:

1. Claim under John Martin.

John Martin, an original purchaser of two hundred and fifty acres, entitled to a lot of forty-nine and a half feet in front, and three hundred and six deep A patent to Robert Prismal, in right of Martin, for a lot between Fourth and Fifth streets and Sassafras and Vine streets. Deed from R. Prismal, dated the seventh of the eighth month, 1685, to Phillis Greer, for the easterly half part of lot between Fourth and Fifth streets and Sassafras and Vine streets, containing fifty feet by three hundred and six feet, with a cave

built thereon, Deed from A. Hooper and his wife Phillis, (late Phillis Greer,) to Jos. Brown, dated the first day of the fifth month, 1689; acknowledged. Deed from J. Brown to Ch. Brigman, dated the third of the second month, 1690, for an easterly moiety &c., between Fifth and Sixth streets and Sassafras and Vine streets. Deed from Brigham to Nath. Allen, dated the fourteenth of the seventh month, 1690, for a certain easterly moiety of a lot between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration fourteen pounds; acknowledged. Nath'l Allen, the second of the fifth month, covenants with Nath'l Lampley, that the latter shall build and deliver to Allen a boat or vessel, &c., for which Allen is to pay twenty pounds, in the manner following, vizt: half of a house and lot, &c., valued at sixteen pounds; the rest in goods. A receipt, endorsed, signed by Lydia Smarl, for ten pounds, from Mr. Lampley, in full for the lot formerly Chs Bridgham's. Conveyance from N. Lampley to John Furnis, for an easterly moiety of a lot, fifty by three hundred feet, purchased from N. Allen, between Fourth and Fifth streets, &c. Dated the fourteenth of April, 1705. Confirmation by Lydia Prior and her husband to Furnis, dated fourth Sept'r, 1705, for lot between Fourth and Fifth streets. N. B. It recites all conveyances, &c. Deed for one moiety of land between Fourth and Fifth streets, and three acres of liberty land, from Thomas Lepford, attorney to Margaret Jennings, executrix of William Jennings, which John Martin sold to said Jennings. Dated the 5th Sept'r, 1705. Consideration five pounds and ten shillings. Quere, de hoc. Deed from Furnis to Richard Hill, for whole of the lot situate between Fifth and Sixth streets. Consideration twenty-five pounds. Dated the 15th of April, 1720. A survey of Richard Hill's lot, next to which is marked Robert Presmall's lot, ninety-nine feet from Fifth street, on Race street. . N. B. 'Tis said this lot is in possession of another.

2. Claim under Nicholas Moore.

Nicholas Moore, an original purchaser of ten thousand acres, laid out and returned in 1694–'5 into Secretary's office. Deed from Nicholas Moore and Sarah and Sheby, two of the children of Nicholas Moore, who had five, and died intestate, for all their share of the land, &c. Consideration four hundred and fifty pounds. Dated the eleventh of March, 1713, to Richard Hill. It appears from a deed from John Harrison, great-grandson to Nicholas Moore, through Mary, dated 1746, that Nicholas Moore died intestate, leaving issue five children; that partition was made, and afterwards one of the daughters, vizt: Rebecca, died unmarried and under age.

3. Claim under Henry Litchfield.

Indenture of lease and release from William Penn to Henry Litchfield, for five hundred acres. Dated the seventh of July, 167 . Also, a patent to Mordecai Moore for five hundred acres, in right

of Henry Litchfield, dated the twelfth of the second month, 1689. Warrant therein said to be dated the 9th of the twelfth month, 1688.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 6, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan.

A report from Henry Osborne, Esquire, of this date, was read, acquainting the Council that, agreeably to their order of the third instant, he has given possession of the lands in the said order mentioned, to Mr. Samuel Caldwell, in the presence of Mr. John Dunlap and Mr. John Caldwell.

Ordered, That the said report be filed.

Ordered, That the claim of John Balderstone to a city lot, be heard on Monday, the twenty-ninth instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that he be notified accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers.
Mr. Levan,	

The Council being informed that a quantity of merchandize was said to be lodged in the house of John Musser, in the borough of Lancaster, which, from circumstances that have transpired, it appears probable the same are British goods clandestinely imported; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Attorney General do issue an attachment in the name of the State, against the British merchandize in the house of the said John Musser, supposed to be clandestinely imported, and report his proceedings to this Board.

On consideration of the circumstances attending the seizure of the store of British goods, at Lancaster, by William Henry, Esquire,

Ordered, That the said William Henry, Esquire, be authorized and directed to seize and secure the books and papers relative to the store aforesaid, and report to this Board.

Ordered, That the Secretary desire Mr. Henry not to deliver the wine or goods, but to seize the wine if brought from New York, and if not from New York, to enquire if the duty be paid, and seize it if not paid the duty.

An order was drawn in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge of Admiralty, for which he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, for repairing arms for the State, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Byers.

A pass was granted to Ann Morrison to go to Dobbs' ferry, and to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 10th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, & Mr. Byers.

An order was drawn in favor of Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees, for one hundred and thirty-three pounds five shillings, in full for rations to the thirteenth of June, 1782, supplied to the troops stationed in Northumberland county, to be paid out of money appropriated for the defence of the frontiers, and no other.

Orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jane Forder and Ann Davis, for the sum of three pounds each of them, to bear their

expenses to Fort Pitt; they having been taken prisoners by the Indians, carried into Canada, and now permitted to return home.

Passes to Fort Pitt granted to the said Jane Forder and Ann Davis.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Byers.

A petition from Joseph Mitchell, setting forth his claim to divers city lots in the city of Philadelphia, appurtenant to the original purchases of Margaret Martindale, Richard Ward, Basilion Forster, James Wallace and John Napper, from William Penn, Esquire, first proprietor of Pennsylvania, and praying that the same may be laid out, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be transmitted to the Surveyor General of the State, and that he be directed to make enquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

A petition from Catharine Urquhart, praying a pass to New York, was read and rejected.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Levan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of one thousand pounds specie, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to account.

Passes were granted to the following persons, vizt:—Hannah Gordon, to the Island of Granada, Ann Wall, to Dobbs' ferry, and Ann , to New York, not to return again.

A letter from Clement Biddle, Esquire, Marshall of Admiralty, respecting the payment of fines to the amount of one hundred and forty pounds, State money, to Henry Osborne, Esquire, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Marshal of the Admiralty do pay the said fines to the Treasurer of the State

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the counties of Northampton, Northumberland, Bedford, Westmoreland and Washington, be directed not to call out a greater number than one hundred militia at any one time, for the defence of the frontiers of their respective counties, but by special order of this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Byers.

The memorials of Thomas Mason, stating his claim to city lots, appurtenant to the original purchase of two thousand acres of land by Samuel Allen, from William Penn, first proprietor of Pennsylvania, which was postponed the first of July last, was now taken up and read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 15th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Ewing.

Thomas Forrest, Esquire, attended in Council, agreeably to appointment, but Mr. Bryan, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Lukens not attending, the Council agreed to postpone the further hearing in his claim till a further day, of which the said Mr. Forrest is to have notice.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.,

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers.

The Council resumed the consideration of the application of Henry Osborne, Esquire, for permission to remove the books of the minutes of the Council under the late government of Pennsylvania, from the Secretary's office to his chambers, for the purpose of searching them for documents relative to the matter now in controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, and taking extracts of such minutes as may relate to that business. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary be authorized to deliver over to Mr. Osborne, for the purpose aforesaid, the said minutes, one volume at a time, taking Mr. Osborne's receipt for the same, to be returned within seven days; and that Mr. Osborne be enjoined on oath not to take notes or extracts from the said minutes of other proceedings than those which relate to the said claim.

This Board taking into consideration the frequent desertions from the Continental army, and having just reason to believe that many of the deserters are received and entertained on board of Letters of Marque and other private vessels of war sailing from this port,

Resolved, That the owners and masters of such vessels be requested and directed to discourage a practice so dangerous and detrimental to the public good; that they give all due encouragement and support to officers of the army in discovering and detecting deserters, and it is particularly recommended to the merchants, owners of vessels, and all agents, not to pay any prize money to any deserter, or to any person justly suspected to be such, until inquiry can be made into the case.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers.

Three several orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Guthrie, John Scott, and James Robinson, for the sum of

three pounds specie each, they being inhabitants of Westmoreland county, taken prisoners and carried into Canada, from whence they have made their escape to this place, the same being to bear their expences to their several homes.

James Hannums having laid before the Council several letters threatening to injure divers persons by burning and destroying their houses and effects, signed by Thomas Bulla, an attainted traitor, and representing that a certain Stephen Anderson and John Jackson, also attainted traitors, were said to be his accomplices.

Ordered, That the following proclamation be issued.

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the late Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to us that divers attainted traitors, who have heretofore adhered to the United States of America, have returned into this State, to the great danger and annoyance of the liege subjects of the State, and more especially a certain Thomas Bulla, Stephen Anderson and John Jackson, late of the county of Chester, who, or some of them, have threatened to burn and destroy the houses and property of the good people of the State:

And whereas, It is of great importance to bring such audacious offenders to speedy and condign punishment; we do hereby offer a public reward of fifty pounds specie, to be paid to any person who shall apprehend the said Thomas Bulla and secure him in any jail within the State, and a reward of twenty pounds specie to be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said Stephen Anderson, and secure him in any jail within this State, and the like reward of twenty pounds specie to be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend the said John Jackson and secure him in any jail within this State: And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables ond other peace officers of the State, are hereby strictly charged, enjoined and required to use all possible diligence in searching for, apprehending and securing the said Thomas Bulla, Stephen Anderson and John Jackson: And we do hereby strictly charge, enjoin and require, the said peace officers to enquire concerning, apprehend, and secure, all persons who shall be justly suspected of aiding, abetting and comforting, or having aided, abetted or comforted, the said Thomas Bulla, Stephen Anderson and John Jackson, in order that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State at Philadelphia, this seventeenth day of July, Anno Domini 1782.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Jacob Bailey. for the sum of fifty-seven pounds, being amount of his account for sixty reams of paper, for re-printing the laws of the State.

A petition from John Lownes, setting forth his claim to a city lot, in right of the original purchase of Roger Beck from William Penn, first Proprietor of Pennsylvania, and praying that the said lot may be laid out accordingly, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General of the State, to make enquiry respecting the same, and report thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General of the State, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, in full for one quarter's salary, due the thirteenth instant.

Two deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Isaac Snowden, Esquire, vizt: One of them for ten lots in the city of Philadelphia, numbered from 389 to 391, from 401 to 404, and from 949 to 951. Consideration five hundred and thirty-eight pounds. One other for sixteen lots in the said city, numbered from 533 to 537, and from 602 to 612, inclusive. Consideration six hundred and forty-nine pounds. The said lots being sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office. Deeds dated the eighteenth instant.

A letter from Alexander M'Clean, Esquire, respecting the running of the line between this State and the State of Virginia.

The Council resumed the consideration of a letter from his Excellency Governor Harrison, of Virginia, dated the twenty-ninth of June last, inclosing the resolutions of the General Assembly of that State, dated the first day of June; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Monday the fourth day of November next be appointed to run the line between the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia, agreeably to the said resolution; and that a guard of one hundred militia be ordered to attend the Commissioners while on that duty.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Ewing,		Mr. Levan, and
	Mr. Byers,	Mr. Gardner.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Jonathan D. Sergeant, for lots No. 321, 322, and 323, and numbered from 424 to 427, in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, and sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Deed dated the eighteenth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Ewing,		Mr. Gardner, and
	Mr. Byers,	Mr. Bayard.

Ordered, That William Smith be directed to bring up from Billingsport the arms now there belonging to this State, and deliver them to Captain Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores; and that he also bring up the powder now at Billingsport, and deliver it to Captain Stiles, and report to this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 22nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,		Mr. Byers, and
	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Gardner.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 23, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That Major Thomas Forrest be notified to attend this Board on Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That a pass to Dobbs' ferry, not to return again, be granted to Mary Pickles.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Byers.

Ordered, That Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, be directed to order out a guard of fifty men from the militia of the said county, for the purpose of guarding the gaol of the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Loughead, Paymaster of the militia of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for three hundred and forty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and six pence specie, for paying the militia lately called into service for guards, to be charged to William Henry, Esq'r, Lieutenant of the said city and liberties, and paid out of the money arising from militia fines only.

Ordered, That a pass to Dobbs' ferry, and to return again, be granted to Margaret Thompson.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That a special commission of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, directed to the Honorable Christopher Hayes and Dorsey Pentecost, Esquires, and Edward Cook, Esquire, be now issued to the counties of Westmoreland and Washington, for the trial of divers persons now confined in the gaols of the said counties charged with high crimes and misdemeanors.

A letter from Henry Geiger, Lieutenant Colonel of militia of the nineteenth instant, acquainting this Board of some late depredations of the Indians on the frontiers of Northampton county, was read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

A petition from Thomas Periam, praying permission to go to New York, was read and dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Levan.

Petitions from William Ford, Ester Eastburne, Rose Stark, and Susanna Findley, praying passes to Dobbs' Ferry on the North river, and to return again, was read, and granted.

A like petition from Mary M'Konky, was read, and the same was rejected.

A petition from Christian Musselman, praying a pass to Boston, was read, and the same was granted.

A petition from Robert Black, for a pass to Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again, was read, and the same was granted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Ewing,

A petition from Elizabeth Stevenson and Mary Shannon, praying Council to order sixty-one pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, State money, to be paid to them by the late Marshal of the Admiralty, being the balance of prize money in his hands due to Carney and Shannon, two deserters from the Continental army, alleging that they are empowered to receive the same, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be rejected, the same being forfeited to the use of the State.

The Council taking into consideration divers accounts of insults and robberies committed upon divers liege subjects of this State, residing in the counties of Bucks & Chester, agreed that a proclamation be issued, offering a reward of fifty pounds for apprehending each and every of the said robbers; and a draft being prepared and laid before the Board, was read and approved, and is as follows, vizt:

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It hath been represented to us that a number of armed men insulted and robbed divers liege subjects of this State residing in the counties of Chester and Bucks, and have threatened to commit further depredations in the said counties:

And whereas, It is highly necessary to the protection of the good people of this State that such offenders should be brought to speedy and condign punishment, we have, therefore, thought proper to offer a public reward, and do hereby offer a public reward, of fifty pounds specie, for each and every of the said robbers who shall be apprehended and convicted of the said robbery, to be paid on conviction, to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the said robbers, or any of them; and over and besides the said reward, we do hereby promise free and full pardon to any one of the said robbers, or any one of their aiders or abettors, who shall so apprehend and secure the said robbers, or any of them: And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Coroners, and other peace officers of the State, are hereby strictly charged, enjoined, and required, to enquire concerning, apprehend, and secure, the said robbers, their aiders, abettors and comforters, in order that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

WILLIAM MOORE, President.

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That the foregoing proclamation be published.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Ewing.

Ordered, That Matthew Clarkson, Esq'r, late Marshal of the Court of Admiralty of this State, be directed to pay to the State Treasurer the sum of sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, State money, balance of prize money remaining in his hands due to Carney and Shannon, two deserters from the Continental army, the same being forfeited to the use of the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Francis Bailey, for the sum of two hundred pounds, on account of printing the laws of the Commonwealth, for which he is to account.

Further information respecting robberies committed within the State by armed persons, being now received, the Council resumed

the proclamation dated the twenty-ninth instant, offering a reward of fifty pounds specie, for apprehending and securing each and every of the robbers therein described, said to have insulted and robbed divers liege subjects of the State, residing within the counties of Chester and Bucks; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the like reward of fifty pounds specie, be paid on conviction, and like encouragements, in all respects, be extended to persons who shall apprehend and secure such robbers within the counties of Philadelphia, Lancaster, Berks, and Northampton.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be published.

Passes to Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, were granted to Adam Seibert, Conrad Jumbler, Jesse Justice, Peter Justice, William Sickle, John Boyer, John Perot, and Thomas Denton, with permission to return.

Two deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Isaac Snowden, Esquire. One of them for nineteen lots in the city of Philadelphia, numbered from 477 to 480, from 483 to 484, 488, 491 to 499, and from 502 to 504, inclusive.—Consideration seven hundred and sixty-four pounds. The other of them for thirty-four lots, numbered from 743 to 752, 758 to 767, 772 to 775, 778, and seven hundred and seventy-nine, and from 789 to 796, inclusive; sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Deeds dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 31, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers.
Mr. Ewing,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Edmund Milne, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, for the purpose of completing Captain Joshua Barney's sword, for which the said Milne is to account.

Ordered, That a pass to New York, not to return again, be granted to Margaret Hayes.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Byers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds fourteen shillings specie, amount of his account for his wages from the first till the thirty-first of July last, and sundry small expences.

On representation that some controversy subsisted between Mr. Kerr, Agent for purchasing cloathing in Bucks county, and Mr. William Tharpe, respecting cloathing belonging to Mr. Tharpe, and seized by Mr. Kerr for the use of the army,

Ordered, That Joseph Dean, John Patton, and Hugh Lenox, be appointed to examine the accounts respecting the said goods, and report thereon to this Board.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 2, 1782..

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Byers.

Pass to Bermuda and to return again, was granted to Elizabeth Goodrich. A like pass was granted to Rebecca Trested.

Pass to New York, not to return again, was granted to Hanna Gordon.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, ten pounds of lead for the guard to be stationed at the gaol of the county of Bucks, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

Ordered, That the said Commissary deliver to Colonel Robert Smith, Lieutenant of the county of Chester, ten pounds of powder, and ten pounds of lead, for the use of the militia of the said county, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

Ordered, That all deserters from the British army, residing in this city, and within fifty miles of this city, do forthwith report themselves and place of abode, to the Secretary of this Board; and that all deserters who shall refuse or neglect to report themselves accordingly, be considered and treated as spies belonging to the enemy.

A petition from Elizabeth Cautchell, now confined in the old jail, praying remission of her corporal punishment, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 3rd, 1782.

PRESENT:

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Ewing.

On petition of Elizabeth Coxill, convicted of larceny, and suffered one whipping,

Ordered, That the remainder of her corporal punishment be remitted.

The record of conviction of Jesse Vickars of felony and burglary, before the Judges of the Supreme Court, held at Newtown, in the county of Bucks, and sentenced that the said Jesse be hanged by the neck till he be dead; being read and considered,

Ordered, That the said sentence be executed on Wednesday, the seventh of this instant, and that a warrant be accordingly issued.

The Council considering that Jesse Vickars has probably been concerned in, or privy to other robberies than that for which he has been convicted, and may, on assurance of pardon, make important discoveries if an opportunity of so doing be afforded him,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to assure Vickars that if he shall make a full discovery of his accomplices in the robberies of public property or mails, so that they, or some of them, be convicted, that in such case the Council will extend their pardon to the said Vickars.

The delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress, and the Agents on the Connecticut claims, attended in Council, and represented that the Agents of Connecticut and themselves had had several conferences on the subject of nominating a Court for deciding the said controversy, and represented that they had agreed on six of seven persons for that purpose, of which seven any five are to be a quorum, and that there is at present no member from New York, Maryland, or Delaware. They therefore requested the advice of

Council on the steps now to be taken. And a free conference being had thereupon, the Council expressed their approbation of the nominations agreed upon, and having no objections to any of the three persons named, and it appearing that Connecticut will not probably object to General Greene as the seventh Judge, the Council think it will be advisable to appoint him.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John McFarren, Paymaster of the county of Northampton, for six hundred and ninety-one pounds seventeen shillings, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of paying Captain Vanetten's company of seven months men, raised for the defence of the frontiers of the said county, for which the said Paymaster is to account.

Passes to New Jersey, with permission to return, were granted to Henry Pratt, Philip Hagner, Matthias Keely, Leonard Jacobi, Charles Shelbach, and William Hunter.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 5, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, Mr. Byers, and Mr. Ewing.

This day being assigned for the meeting of the Board of Property of this State, Mr. President and Doct'r Gardner agreed to meet the other members of the said Board at four o'clock this afternoon.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 6, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Levan.

The Secretary having yesterday reported the confession of Jesse Vickars, the Council now resumed the consideration of his case, and altho' the same is not satisfactory to the Council, yet as he may yet add information of importance to the State,

Ordered, That the execution of the sentence passed upon Jesse Vickars, be deferred until Wednesday the fourteenth day of August instant, and that a reprieve be issued accordingly.

Ordered, That Jesse Vickars, now under sentence of death in the gaol of the county of Bucks, be removed, under a sufficient guard, from thence to the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, and that a warrant be issued accordingly.

Ordered, That Moses Winder, now confined in the gaol of the county of Bucks, on a charge of being concerned in robbing of the Treasury of the said county, and all other persons who have been or shall be apprehended, or charged of being concerned in the said robbery, be removed by the Sheriff of the county of Bucks, under a sufficient guard, to the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, and delivered into the custody of William Will, Sheriff of the said city and county, or to his Deputy, Keeper of the said gaol.

Ordered, That upon the removal of Jesse Vickars, and of the persons committed to the gaol of the county of Bucks, on a charge of being concerned in robbing the Treasury of the said county, the militia now on guard in the county of Bucks be discharged.

The Sub-Sheriff now attending with the further confession of Jesse Vickars, and also the confession of Solomon Vickars, by which it appears probable that Caleb Paul is now confined in the gaol of the county of Monmouth, under some other name;

Ordered, That a communication be made thereof to his Excellency Governor Livingston, with a request that he may be delivered up to this State, and also to inform Governor Livingston that two men of the name of Woodward, who lived near Crosswicks, have been concerned in robbing the Treasurer of the county of Bucks.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to Colonel Robert Smith, Lieutenant of the county of Chester, eight pounds of powder, twenty pounds of lead, and three hundred flints; two hundred for muskets, and one hundred for pistols, for which the said Lieutenant is to account.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Abraham Sasportas, and Francis Le Boeuf, for lots in the city of Philadelphia numbered 108, 109, and 110, marked in the general plan of city lots, remaining in the Surveyor General's office, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Consideration money one hundred and thirty-four pounds. Deed dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 7, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan,	General Lacey.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Woodhouse, for six pounds seven shillings and six pence, for one blank book containing six quires of paper for the use of the Comptroller's office.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Levan,	General Lacey.

A petition from Joseph Rodgers, praying to be discharged from confinement, and security for his good behaviour, was read; and referred for further consideration.

Passes were granted to John Jenks and Garret Forrester, to go to Boston and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Lacey.

Morris Keaton, a deserter from the enemy at New York, appeared before the Board, and being examined;

The Council thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Morris Keaton give security for his good behaviour, himself in the sum of five hundred pounds, and two sufficient sureties in two hundred and fifty pounds each, during the present war, and that he take the oath of allegiance to the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of David Forst, for the sum of twenty-seven pounds eleven shillings and three pence specie, amount of his expences for bringing divers prisoners from the gaol of the county of Bucks to this city.

Passes to Boston, with permission to return again, were granted to Daniel Parker, Jun'r, and John Young, Nicholas Reidner, Henry Boyer and Samuel Willey.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots as follow, and sold agreeably to law for the redemption of credit of this State, of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, viz:

To William Bonham, for lot No. 304. Consideration twenty-five pounds.

To John Hood, for lots numbered from 1275 to 1278. Consideration two hundred and twenty-four pounds.

To Benjamin Harbeson, for lot No. 1600. Consideration two hundred and six pounds.

To James Pearson, for lots No. 1477 and 1478. Consideration fifty-five pounds.

All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the eighth instant.

A deed was examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to Jane Cannon, Samuel Wetherill, John Lile, Christopher Marshall, and John M'Culloh, executors of the last will and testament of James Cannon, deceased, for lots No. 286, 287, and 288, in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Consideration one hundred and thirty-one pounds. Deed dated the eighth instant.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Gershon Johnston, for two lots of land situate in Middleton township, in the county of Bucks, containing forty perches and two hundred and nine feet, late part of the estate of Gilbert Hicks: Seized and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of eleven thousand two hundred pounds, Continental money. Deed dated the eighth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 10, 1782.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers,
Mr. Bayard,	General Ewing, and
Mr. Levan,	General Lacey.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Major William Armstrong, for the sum of six pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account of expence in surveying a piece of cripple at one corner of the State Island.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan.
Mr. Ewing,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Richard Humpton, for the sum of one thousand pounds, for the purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan.
Mr. Ewing,	

The Council took into consideration a resolve of Congress of the eighth instant, recommending to the States of Pennsylvania and

Virginia immediately to draw out and order to Fort Pitt, each State one hundred and fifty men, properly officered and accoutred, to be under the orders of the commanding officer of that post, to enable the said officer more effectually to cover and protect the country. That the Secretary at War and Superintendent of Finance take order that proper magazines be laid up in the said fort, which may enable the commanding officer, in case the said post should be invested by the enemy, to render it tenable until relieved; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of York, and the Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, do immediately furnish seventy-five men from each of the said counties, according to law, and send them forthwith to Fort Pitt.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. Duncan, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council, and informed "that the House was now met, and request a copy of the act of the Council by which the House is convened, and are ready to receive any business they may have to lay before them."

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to lay before the House the order of Council by which the House is convened, and the following message, vizt:

A message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN:—It has been with great reluctance that we have called you together at an earlier day than that to which you stand adjourned; but the state of the treasury rendered it in our opinion indispensably necessary. The sum which we have been able to procure on loan, in consequence of the act of Assembly passed the last session, entitled "An Act to enable the Supreme Executive Council to negotiate such loans as may be necessary to procure a sufficient sum of money for the defence of the frontiers of this State, and the support of civil Government," has been so very

trifling, as to leave us no room to hope for a supply of money by that means; and we had great reason to apprehend a severe blow would be aimed at the frontiers by the Indians. Our fears in this respect have been but too well justified by events which have since happened, and there is reason to believe that the blow has fallen with redoubled force in consequence of killing the Moravian Indians at Muskingham, an act which never had our approbation or countenance in any manner whatever.

The monies becoming due on contracts for supplying the men on the frontiers will be very considerable; and as the continuance of the supplies will depend on the payment thereof with punctuality, this object becomes of very great importance, and requires immediate attention.

Since the time of your adjournment, a great quantity of British merchandize has been imported into this State from the city of New York, and paid for in specie. This has occasioned a considerable deficiency in our circulating medium, and justly alarmed every good citizen with apprehensions of the most fatal consequences if that destructive trade is not immediately and effectually restrained. The intercourse between the disaffected of the State and the enemy at New York is so easy and unrestrained, as to become extremely injurious and really dangerous; and it is, in our opinion, become absolutely necessary to restrain it. We are sensible that a sameness of language and similarity of dress and manners render it difficult to devise effectual means for this purpose; but those difficulties, far from preventing, ought to redouble our diligence and efforts in a case on which so much depends.

The insults and robberies committed within the State by several parties of armed men, some of whom have talked of open defiance, have induced us to offer public rewards for apprehending and bringing them to justice, and a number of them have been arrested and are now in confinement.

A state of the taxes of last year, with other papers of public concern, will be herewith laid before you.

WILLIAM MOORE, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, August 14, 1782.

The Secretary having returned, reports that he obeyed the foregoing order.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the respective counties of Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, Northumberland, York, Bedford, Westmoreland, and Washington, respectively, be directed to make out and return to this Board, pay rolls of monies due to the militia of the said counties respectively, with the proper vouchers for the same.

Ordered, That the execution of the sentence of death on Jesse Vickars be respited until the fourteenth day of September next.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 15, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan.

The Council now receiving information that the Indians had invaded the county of Berks,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks do immediately call into service a Lieutenant and an Ensign and twenty-five men, for the defence of the frontiers of that county.

A letter from Henry Osborne, Esquire, Escheator General, inclosing a writ of enquiry concerning the estate of Charles Werkeiser, executed for murder in the county of Northampton, and the same being considered,

Ordered, That the part of the said Charles Werkeiser's estate forfeited to the Commonwealth be remitted, and divided between his children equally, his just debts, maintenance in prison, and the charges of prosecution, trial, and execution, being first paid and satisfied.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Gardner, for the sum of one hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a member of this Board, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Byers.
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Levan.

A letter from his Excellency George Clinton, Esquire, inclosing resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, over which he presides, dated July 20, 1782; and the same being read, it was

Ordered, That the same be immediately laid before the General Assembly.

Mr. Delany, Mr. Hill, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Long, a committee from the General Assembly, waited upon the Council, and requested a conference with the Council on the subject of obtaining a loan to answer the present exigencies of the State; and a free conference was thereupon had, when the Council expressed to the committee their sentiments pretty fully in the subject, and gave it as their opinion, that a loan to answer the immediate demands upon the State is not practicable.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan.

A petition from Alexander Barr, of the eleventh battalion of Lancaster county, praying remission of a militia fine, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Adam Hubley, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan.

A return of an election of Justices for the township of Pittsburgh, was read, together with several papers accompanying the same; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said return be rejected, the same not being held according to law.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Byers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable the Vice President, for the sum of fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Vice President, for which sum he is to account.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which he is to account.

A letter from the Honorable Frederick A. Muhlenberg, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly, of the nineteenth instant, inclosing a resolution of the House of Assembly of the same day, requesting from Council an estimate of the supplies wanting until the first day of November next, was received & read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred for further consideration.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Byers.

The Council took into consideration the order of the General Assembly of the nineteenth instant, requesting the Council to lay before the House an estimate of the supplies wanting until the first day of November next; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the General Assembly be informed that in addition to the estimate already before the House, there have arisen the two following demands, vizt:—The payment of a judgment of court in favor of James Smith, against the Commissioners of Purchases in Cumberland county, for provisions purchased, amounting to two thousand seven hundred and sixty three pounds, and inter-

est thereon: And a debt due to David Duncan, Esquire, Commissioner of Westmoreland, also for provisions, the amount of which the Council cannot ascertain; besides those demands which are more immediately under the present notice of the General Assembly; and that it be further suggested to the House, that should a call of militia be made, it will involve a considerable expense, perhaps to the amount of five thousand pounds. How far the expences of defending the frontiers may increase, in consequence of the depredations of the savages, cannot be ascertained, but will most probably be very considerable.

A pass was granted to Elizabeth Lemont, to go to Dobbs' ferry on the North river, and return again.

A representation of the commissioners appointed to procure and equip an armament for guarding and defending the navigation and bay of the river Delaware, was read, praying permission to sell the ship General Washington; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 22d, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Bayard,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Byers.

A pass was granted to Abraham Bachman and Andrew Anglemonger, to go to Boston and to return again, with two teams.

A memorial from Alexander Montgomery, Peter Harter and Henry Slottenberg, praying some allowance for their trouble in taking divers prisoners of war, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 23d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Gardner, and
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Byers.

The Council resumed the consideration of the representation of the commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this Board do concur in opinion with the said commissioners; and that they be directed to dispose of the ship General Washington, in such manner as they shall judge most for the interest of the State, and make report of their proceedings thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Montgomery, for one hundred and thirty-eight pounds specie, in full for his pay as a delegate in Congress for this State, till the twenty-first of August, 1782.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Thomas Smith, Esquire, for his pay in full till the twentieth day of July last, as a delegate in Congress for this State, vizt: For one hundred and thirty-six pounds ten shillings specie.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be authorised to deliver to Ebenezer Hazard, Esquire, the books of Minutes of the Council under the late government of Pennsylvania, one volume at a time, taking a receipt for each volume, with a promise to return the same within seven days from the time of delivery.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers.

Mr. Magoffin, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Maclay, Mr. William Montgomery and Mr. William Cooke, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council, deliverd an order of the House dated the twenty-third instant, which was read, by which it appears that

the said committee are directed to confer with a committee of the Supreme Executive Council, and with a committee of the Honorable Congress, on the present critical situation of affairs on the frontiers: Whereupon, the Vice President and Mr. Byers were appointed a committee to confer thereon accordingly, to meet this evening at five o'clock, in the Council Chamber.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Byers, and
General Lacey.

The Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, laid before the Board the following account, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to James Ewing, Esquire.

For attendance in Council from the twenty-fifth day of June till the twenty-ninth day of August, 1782, 66 days, a 17s 6, - - - - - -	£57 15
Mileage, 79 miles, coming to Philadelphia and returning, - - - - - - -	3 19
	£61 14

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable James Ewing, for the sum of sixty-one pounds fourteen shillings specie, amount of the said account.

The memorial of Joseph Mitchell, which was presented to Council on the eleventh of July last, was read, together with the report of the Surveyor General thereon, and the consideration thereof postponed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Lacey.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Trimble, for the sum of fifteen shillings specie, money paid to James B. Smith, for copying sundry confessions of robbers of the treasury of the county of Bucks.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Robert Darroch, for the sum of two pounds twelve shillings specie, for seven days service in collecting shoes and stockings in the county of Bucks, in the year 1777, for the army.

A pass was granted to William Brown Foggon, to go to Boston and to return again; and passes to come from New York to Philadelphia, to Daniel Buckwater and Martha Dodds.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, be authorised and directed to contract with one or more persons in the county of Northumberland, for supplying the troops stationed in the said county with provisions at the most reasonable rates, not exceeding the price heretofore agreed upon with Messrs. Montgomery & Rees, provided that the said Montgomery and Rees, or either of them, neglect to furnish provisions agreeably to their contract.

A petition from Captain John Gensill, praying permission to remove his effects from this State to Denmark, was read, and dismissed.

Mr. Maclay and Mr. Montgomery, a committee from the General Assembly, laid before the Board a proposition of sending a member of the House and one of the Council to go to head quarters, to confer with his Excellency General Washington, upon the subject of expeditions into the Indian country, and with him to adopt such measures therein as may appear to be effectual for restraining the savages from making incursions in this State.

On consideration, the Council fully approving of the proposition of expeditions into the Indian country, as shall be found practicable,

Ordered, That the Vice President be appointed on the part of the Council to join with the conference on that subject with his Excellency and the delegates from the House of Assembly.

A letter from Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, respecting a horse, which is said to have died in the public service, and for which an action is brought by a certain George Walter against Mr. Barr, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Attorney General, and that he be directed to appear on the part of the State in the defence of Mr. Barr in the said action.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks do order out fifty militia men for the defence of the frontiers; that they be sent from the parts adjacent to the county of Northumberland; and that they march as soon as may be to Sunbury, and put themselves under the command of Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 28, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Ewing, Mr. Byers, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Bayard.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Byers, Mr. Levan, and General Lacey.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Lacey.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of General Lacey, for the sum of fifty-six pounds three shillings specie, for sundry articles furnished to the company of State troops under his command in the year 1776.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Quarter Master General of this State, Colonel Clement Biddle, do provide a sufficient number of boats to transport the French army under Count Rochambeau, over the river Delaware; and owners of the several ferries on the said river, and all other persons, are required to give every necessary assistance on the above occasion.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 31, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Lacey.

A pass was granted to Casper Wm. Haines, to go to Boston and to return.

Also, a pass to Joseph Green, to go to Albany, in the State of New York, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 2nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Lacey.

This being the day assigned for the meeting of the Board of Property, his Excellency the President and Doct'r Gardner agreed to meet the other members of the said Board at four o'clock in the afternoon of this day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and four pence specie, amount of his account for his wages in full till the thirty-first day of August last, and sundry small expences.

On consideration of the proposals of Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, for supplying the Ranging company and militia which may be employed in the county of Bedford for the defence of the frontiers;

Ordered, That twelve pence per ration be allowed for the first day of March last, so long as the said troops shall keep the field. The ration to consist of

One pound of bread.
One pound of beef, or ¾lb of pork.
One jill of whiskey per day, and
One quart of salt, and } to every hundred rations.
Two quarts of vinegar, }
Eight pounds of soap, and } to every seven hundred rations.
Three pounds of candles, }

The rations to be delivered at such places as the said troops may from time to time be stationed within the county of Bedford.

Ordered, That the said contractor do furnish rations to Captain Boyd's company, and others actually employed, and bearing arms for the defence of the frontiers, agreeably to a muster roll, signed by Captain Boyd and countersigned by the Lieutenant, or any one of the Sub-Lieutenants of the said county, monthly, and to no other persons whatever; that he furnish no back rations of any kind or to any persons.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 3, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Van Campen, (now first returned from his family.

The Honorable Mr. Byers laid before the Board an account for his attendance in Council, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania, to John Byers, Esquire.

For attendance in Council from the ninth till the 15th of March, 1782, 6 days, a 17s. 6, - - - -	£	5	5
Do. from the 21st June till 5th Sept'r, 1782, 77 days, a 17s. 6, - - - - - - - - - -	67	7	6
	£72	12	6
Mileage, 120 miles, at 1s., - - - - -	6	5	0
	£78	17	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Byers, for the sum of seventy-eight pounds seventeen shillings and six pence specie, amount of the said account.

A petition from Ebenezer Tracey Pennington, convicted of larceny in the county of Chester, praying remission of his fine and corporal punishment, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, and his corporal punishment, be remitted, on condition that he enlist in the Pennsylvania line, to serve therein during the present war without bounty.

A petition from Adam Boyling, convicted in the county of Philadelphia of fornication with a certain Mary M'Farland, and having begotten a bastard child on the body of the said Mary, praying remission of the fine of ten pounds, adjudged to be paid by him to the use of the State, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

A petition from John Downing, praying remission of a fine of thirteen pounds ten shillings specie, adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by Jack Martin, his negro slave, convicted of larceny at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in the county of Chester, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

A letter from the Commissioners for the defence of the Bay and river Delaware, of this day's date, reporting their proceedings upon the order of this Board of the twenty-third ultimo, directing them to make sale of the ship General Washington, was read, and the same being considered, was approved; and

Ordered, To be filed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 4th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Levan,	

A petition from George Wall, Junior, to the Secretary, with returns of the estates of Joseph Dean, Alexander Bartram, and David Burge, seized by him as forfeited estates, and mentioning his having seized the personal estate of said Dean. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said George Wall, Jun'r, be directed to dispose of the said estates, real and personal, as soon as may be, according to law.

A petition from Charles Campbell, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, complaining of unwarrantable opposition to the execution of the militia law.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Lieutenant of the said county, and that he be directed to enquire into the said complaint, and report thereon to Council.

The Attornies appointed in the cause depending before Congress between this State and Connecticut represented that there are probably divers papers relative to the said cause remaining among the records of the States of Connecticut and New York, which may be of importance on the trial, and requested that some persons might be appointed to examine the records of those States, and obtain copies of such as relate to the said cause. Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Osborne be requested to examine the said records, and obtain copies of such as may tend to elucidate the cause so pending; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Henry Osborne, for the sum of seventy-five pounds specie, for his expences in going to the States of Connecticut and New York, for the purpose aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September, 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Byers, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Lacey.

Nicholas Lutz, Esquire, of the county of Berks, attended in Council, and represented that the Lieutenant of the said county was about to order out militia from the said county for the defence of the county of Northumberland, but that no person hath been employed to furnish them with provisions till they shall arrive at the place of their destination, and proposed to the Council to furnish them with rations, at nine pence each.

The Council taking into consideration the said proposal, agreed to pay Col. Lutz nine pence per ration for any number of rations he may furnish to the said militia, not exceeding three hundred.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 6th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen, and Mr. Levan.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington dated the second instant, respecting the proposed expedition into the Indian country, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Council will meet this afternoon at four o'clock, upon that business specially.

The Council met at four o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

At a conference between the Council and a Committee of the General Assembly, respecting the expedition proposed into the Indian country, it was the unanimous opinion that General Potter,

Mr. Bayard, and Doctor Gardner, be a Committee of the Council to confer with the Minister at War, and the Committee of the General Assembly, on the proposed expeditions, at the Council Chamber, to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 7th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Van Campen,

The Council resumed the consideration of the resolve of the General Assembly of the sixth instant, empowering the Council to draw on the Bank for the sum of five thousand pounds, solely appropriated towards the defence of the frontiers of the State; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the House be requested to inform the Council whether it is intended that debts already contracted in the defence of the frontiers, or any part of them, shall be paid out of the said five thousand pounds. And also to request the House will re-consider their resolve, so far as relates to the manner of drawing on the Bank; the Council conceiving it will be most proper to have the sum borrowed of the Bank by the House, made payable to the Treasurer or his order. The drafts of the Council for the frontier defence may then be drawn on the Treasurer, and accepted by him, payable at the Bank. As the resolve now stands, the Council judge it will be necessary to draw on the Bank in favor of the Treasury for the whole, and then to draw on him for the respective sums becoming necessary, to be by him accepted in like manner, payable at the Bank; otherwise the Treasurer's books will not contain the public accounts, as they certainly ought to do.

An order was drawn on the Commissary of Military Stores, Captain Joseph Stiles, for twenty stand of arms for the company of Rangers commanded by Captain Shrawder, for which the said Shrawder is to account.

A message to the General Assembly was prepared and read, and is in the words following, vizt:

Message from the President and Council to the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

GENTLEMEN:—A letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, requesting to be furnished with returns of the damage done by the enemy within this State, which having been laid before the Gen-

eral Assembly, has been returned to the Council, now coming again under our consideration, it appears to us to be necessary, in order to ascertain with that precision which so important a case requires, that an act should be past authorising Commissioners to receive evidence of such losses and judge of the value thereof.—The House will please to receive the letter, and take such order thereon as they may judge most effectual for answering the purposes which the Minister of Foreign Affairs has in view

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Philadelphia, September 7, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Van Campen, Mr. Bayard.
Mr. Gardner, and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which the said Nicholson is to account.

A letter from the Minister at War, dated this day, was read, acquainting the Board that on the removal of the recruits from this city, and a detachment of Colonel Hazen's regiment to Fort Pitt, one hundred and forty-five militia will be necessary to guard the prisoners.

	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Rank & File.
At Philadelphia,	0	1	1	1	15
Yorktown,	0	1	1	1	15
Lancaster,	2	4	8	8	100
Reading,	1	1	1	1	15

Whereupon, the Council taking the same into consideration,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city and liberties be directed to call into service forthwith, one Subaltern, one Serjeant, one Corporal, and fifteen rank and file, from the militia of the said

city and liberties next in order of duty, for the purpose of guarding the British prisoners in this city, to be in readiness to mount guard on the seventeenth.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of York be directed in like manner, to call into service one Subaltern, one Serjeant, one Corporal, and fifteen rank and file, of the militia of the said county next in order of duty, for the purpose of guarding the British prisoners in the said county, to be ready to mount guard on the twenty-eighth instant.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster be directed in like manner, to call into service two Captains, four Subalterns, eight Serjeants, eight Corporals, and one hundred rank and file, of the militia of the said county next in order of duty, for the purpose of guarding the British prisoners of the said county, to be in readiness to mount guard on the twenty-fifth instant.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks be directed in like manner, to call into service one Subaltern, one Serjeant, one Corporal, and fifteen rank and file, of the militia of the said county next in order of duty, to mount guard on the nineteenth instant, over the British prisoners in the said county.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, September 10, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.
The Honorable the Vice President.
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bayard, and
Mr. Levan, Mr. Van Campen.

Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hannums, a committee of the House of General Assembly, attended, and requested to confer with Council

on the subject of Thomas Hale's confinement, late Agent of Confiscated Estates, which the Council agreed to, and a conference was had, in which the Council informed the Committee in what manner the said Hale had been confined in prison, and at the same time furnished them with some papers relating thereto, when the committee retired.

Mr. M'Lene, Mr. Maclay, and Mr. Hiester, from the House of Assembly, attended, and requested information from the Council respecting the monies necessary to pay the expences of the Court shortly to meet in New Jersey, for the trial of the dispute subsisting between Pennsylvania and Connecticut, respecting boundary, when an estimate of the said expence was furnished to the Committee.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, Vice President, or his order, for the sum of sixty pounds specie, in part of his salary, for which sum he is to account.

The following deeds were examined by his Excellency the President, for divers city lots, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, and sold agreeably to law for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, vizt:

To the Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, for lots marked and numbered from 1322 to 1332, inclusive. Consideration four hundred and sixty-seven pounds.

To John Wood, for lot No. 1160. Consideration fifty-seven pounds.

To Christleib Bartling, for lots No 1337 & 1338. Consideration seventy-four pounds.

To John Fromberger, for lots numbered from 1266 to 1268, inclusive, from 1417 to 1422, inclusive, and from 1459 to 1462, inclusive. Consideration four hundred & one pounds.

All which sums the above named persons have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts therefor. Deeds dated the tenth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

Information being given to the Board by David Deshler, Esquire, that an action hath been brought by a certain Henry Gross, of the

county of Northampton, against Peter Kearn, employed by him, the said Deshler, to purchase horses in the said county for the army, under an act of Assembly, and judgment obtained thereon for twenty-four pounds specie, amount of a note given to said Gross, payable in State money. The Council considering that at the time the said horses were purchased there was no specie in circulation, and that there are a number of persons in like circumstances, who may be subjected to many inconveniences and hardships from such suits; therefore,

Resolved, That the Attorney General of the State be directed to remove the said action from the Court of Common Pleas to the Supreme Court by a writ of certiorari.

Ordered, That Colonel Lewis Farmer be directed immediately to dispose of the shoes remaining on hands unfit for the Ranging companies, in the best manner he can for the interest of the State, and report his proceedings thereon to this Board as soon as may be.

A pass was granted to Margaret Sherrman, to go into the city of New York and to return again.

A memorial from Major Andrew Porter, of this day, on behalf of himself and other officers of the regiment of Artillery, late Colonel Proctor's, setting forth that they conceive themselves intitled to promotion in the said regiment, and praying that Council will order the same to take place, agreeably to a return annexed to the said memorial, was read, and referred for further consideration.

An address from the President and others, representing the Jewish congregation in this city, praying the countenance and protection of the President and Council of Pennsylvania in their design of erecting a place of public worship in this city, was this day received, which being read, was

Ordered, To be filed.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 13, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan.

A return of Justices in Sherley township, in the county of Bedford, was received and read, by which it appears that Robert Cluggage and Matthew Patton were duly and fairly elected Justices for

the said township; the Council took the same into consideration; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Robert Cluggage, Esq'r, be appointed a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Bedford, and commissioned accordingly.

A petition from Thomas Haney, confined in the old gaol, praying remission of his fine, and to be discharged from confinement, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted, and that he be discharged from confinement on paying his fees, &c., provided he enter with Commodore Gilliam on board the ship South Carolina, and not return again to this State.

A petition from the following persons, now confined in the old goal, praying remission of their fines, and discharged from confinement, &c: John Davis, Daniel Dailey, alias Francis McCoy, Thomas Wall, James Brinkland, John Kelly, William Boyd, Ludwick Kale, Rodger Mallet, Francis Dewalt, Gabriel Gallure, William Miller, John Caldwell, Cato Watts, and Thomas Allison, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition, so far as respects Daniel Dailey, alias Francis M'Coy, Thomas Wall, John Kelly, William Boyd, Ludwig Kale, Francis Dewalt, Gabriel Gallure, William Miller, John Caldwell, Cato Watts, and Thomas Allison, be rejected.

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by John Davis, James Brinkland, and Rodger Mallet, be remitted, and that they be discharged from confinement on paying their fees, &c., provided they enter with Commodore Gilliam on board the ship South Carolina, and serve during the present war.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Srturday, September 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard, Mr. Van Campen.

The Council resumed the consideration of the expeditions into the Indian country; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Berks be directed to call into service immediately, one hundred and twenty-five men of the militia of the said county, (in addition to the militia already ordered out,) to be marched to the county of Northumberland, for

the defence of the frontiers of this State, to rendezvous at Muncy on the fourth day of October next, at farthest, as a longer delay may frustrate the good purposes expected from this expedition; and that the said militia be properly armed and accoutred.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland be directed, in like manner, to call into service twenty horsemen and one hundred and seventy-five Infantry of the militia of the said county, properly armed and accoutred, to be marched to the county of Northumberland, and rendezvous at Muncy on the fourth day of October next, as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, be directed in like manner to call into service immediately, twenty horsemen of the militia proper of said county, properly armed and accoutred, to be marched and rendezvous at Muncy, on the fourth of October next, as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, be directed to call into service immediately, fifty men of the militia of the said county, properly armed and accoutred, to be marched and rendezvous at Muncy, on the fourth of October next, as aforesaid.

Mr. Gray, Mr. Whitehill, and Mr. Brown, a committee of Assembly, attended and requested a conference with Council on the subject of obtaining a return and valuation of the property of the citizens of this State that hath been destroyed by the enemy, and also respecting the debts due from confiscated estates, which the Council agreed to; and a conference was had accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September, 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

Pass to Woodbridge was granted to Jedediah Snowden, and Sarah Snowden, and to return again.

A pass was also granted to Eve Sharp, to go to New York in the flag ship now returning, she agreeing not to return again.

A petition from James Britain, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of York, was read, praying a remission of his fine; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Ordered, That Major General James Potter, Esq'r, Vice President of the State, be appointed to command the troops going on an expedition into the Indian country, against the Janisee towns.

A letter from Daniel Montgomery, and Daniel Rees, of the thirteenth instant, resigning their contractorship for supplying the troops stationed in the county of Northumberland, was read, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said resignation be accepted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

The Council taking into consideration a report of the Committee of Ways and Means and a resolution of the General Assembly thereupon, empowering this Council to draw upon the bank for the sum of five thousand pounds, and to apply the same as to them seems most proper towards the defence of the frontiers of the State; and thereupon,

Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, be authorised and empowered to draw from time to time on the National Bank of North America, for the amount of such drafts as shall be ordered by this Board from time to time, to be paid towards the expence of the frontier defence.

The Council being informed that there is a sum of money belonging to the State, in the hands of the late Marshall of the Admiralty, and the State being in great distress from the want of money,

Ordered, That the said late Marshall do pay all monies in his hands, belonging to the State, into the hands of the State Treasurer forthwith.

Ordered, That the present Marshall of the Admiralty be directed in like manner to pay to the State Treasurer all monies that may be in his hands, forthwith.

A petition signed by Thomas Fitzsimmons, and others, merchants of Philadelphia, stating the case of a Mr. Levins, who has absconded with a design, as they apprehend, to defraud his creditors, and praying leave that some person may be permitted to go into New York to endeavour to secure the money carried off by him; whereupon, James Delap being named,

Ordered, That a recommendation directed to his Excellency Governor Livingston, be given to the same James Delap, recommending that he be permitted to go into New York on special business.

Ordered, That William Maclay, Esq'r, be appointed Commissary for purchasing the flour and spirits necessary for the expedition into the Indian country under the command of Major General Potter, and forward the same to the fort at Muncy.

Ordered, That William Montgomery, Esquire, be appointed Commissary for purchasing the beef and pork necessary for the expedition into the Indian country, the command of Major General Potter, and forward the same to the fort at Muncy creek.

Ordered, That William Brown, Esquire, be appointed to hire fifty-five pack-horses, with a driver to every six horses, for the expedition into the Indian country, under the command of Major General Potter, each horse to be accoutred at the expense of the owner, with a pack-saddle, halter, and bell, and to be allowed three shillings per day; and the driver to be allowed three shillings and nine pence per day, and rations. The horses are to be appraised by two respectable freeholders, on oath, and the hire to be paid on their return. They are to rendezvous at the town of Northumberland, on the fourth day of October next.

Ordered, That Philip Martseller, Esquire, of Lebanon, be appointed to hire fifty-five pack-horses for the expedition into the Indian country, under the command of Major General Potter, each horse to be accoutred with a pack-saddle, halter, and bells, at the expence of the owner, and to be allowed three shillings per day, with a driver to every six horses, who shall be allowed three shillings and nine pence per day, and be allowed rations. The horses to be appraised by two respectable freeholders, on oath, and the hire to be paid on their return; to rendezvous at the town of Northumberland, on the fourth day of October next.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Maclay, Esquire, for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, for purchasing and forwarding to Muncy flour for the expedition into the Indian country, for which he is to account.

In favor of William Montgomery, Esquire, for five hundred and fifty pounds, for purchasing and forwarding to Muncy the beef and pork for the expedition into the Indian country, for which he is to account.

In favor of William Brown, Esquire, for fifty pounds specie, towards the hire of horses for the said expedition, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of Philip Marsteller, for fifty pounds, towards the hire of horses for the expedition aforesaid, for which sum he is to account.

In favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds specie, in part of his salary as Vice President, for which he is to account.

In favor of Captain James Christie, for seventeen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence specie, balance of his account for subsistence while employed in receiving recruits in the county of Northampton.

Ordered, That the Secretary at War be requested to lend to the State three hundred stand of arms and forty rifles, one hundred shot pouches and powder horns, four hundred wires and brushes, and two hundred sets of horse shoes and nails, and that the same may be forwarded with the other stores to the town of Northumberland.

Sundry depositions were laid before the Board against Colonel Valentine Eckhart, for malpractices in the execution of his office as Lieutenant of the county of Berks, which being read,

Ordered, That copies of the same be transmitted to the said Lieutenant; and that he be directed to report thereon to the Council as soon as may be.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That a copy of the estimate of the expence of the proposed expedition to Sandusky, be transmitted to Brigadier General Irvine at Fort Pitt, for his information.

Ordered, That Major General James Potter, Esquire, be authorized to appoint a Committee of Issues, a Quarter Master, and such other staff officers as he may think necessary for the well conducting of the expedition into the Indian country under his command.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Carnahan, Esquire, for fifteen hundred pounds specie, to be paid by him to Brigadier General Irvine at Fort Pitt, for providing provisions, pack horses, stores, &c., for the expedition carrying on against Sandusky towns.

The Honorable Thomas K'Kean and George Bryan, Esquires, Judges of the Supreme Court, having, by letter of this day's date, recommended John Shebell, charged with piracy on the high seas,

and Jesse Vicars, convicted of burglary, and Solomon Vicars, charged with the same crime, to this Board as proper objects of mercy, both on account of their youth and their early and ample discoveries; and the Board taking the same into consideration: Thereupon,

Ordered, That the said John Shebell, Jesse Vicars and Solomon Vicars, be pardoned; and that pardons for each and every of them, do issue accordingly, under the great seal of the State.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 19th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for one hundred pounds, for paying for making up cloathing for the troops going on the Indian Expedition, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds from the bank, for which he is to account.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which the said John Nicholson is to account.

A pass was granted to Gabriel Johounot and George Grieves to go to Boston and to return.

A pass was granted to Ann Toy to go to Dobbs' ferry and to return.

A pass was granted to Hanna Robiglio to go to New York, not to return again.

A pass was granted to Conrad Wicherly to go to Boston and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

Ordered, That Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, be authorised to furnish rations to the militia ordered from the counties of York and Cumberland to Fort Pitt, both on thair march to the Fort and on their return home from thence; that the price for the rations be the same as agreed upon in the former contract.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance, dated the nineteenth instant, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Council having taken their arrangements for supplying the troops on the expedition into the Indian country, agreeably to Mr. Morris's proposition,

Ordered, That it be proposed nevertheless to Mr. Morris, that, in case of loss of provision by the enemy destroying it, the United States bear their proportion of the loss, according to the number of troops of the United States, compared with the number of militia employed on the expedition.

Ordered, That Captain Shrawder be directed to march with his company to Muncy, in Northumberland, and put himself under the command of Major General Potter, so as to be at Muncy on the fourth day of October next.

Ordered, That Lieutenant Johnston march from Bedford county, and put himself under the command of Major General Irvine.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase in the several counties, one of them for seventy-six pounds four shillings and eight pence half penny specie, three months after sight, and the other for fourteen pounds eight shillings, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the balance of Charles Cessna's accounts as Commissioner for Bedford county.

A letter from the Minister of France of the nineteenth instant, was read, representing that divers seamen have deserted from the ships of war of his most Christian Majesty, and requesting the Executive of the State to adopt speedy measures for apprehending such seamen: Whereupon, the Board taking the same into consideration,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued for the purpose aforesaid, and a draft of the same being prepared, was read and approved, and is in the words following, vizt:

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to the Supreme Executive Council, that divers seamen belonging to the ships of war of his most Christian Majesty, the great and good ally of these United States, have deserted, and probably may remain concealed in or near the city of Philadelphia:

And whereas, It is of the utmost consequence to these United States, as much as possible to discourage and prevent such desertions, and apprehend, secure and return to their officers all the deserters from the fleets of his most Christian Majesty; we do hereby strictly charge, enjoin and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and other peace officers, to use their utmost diligence to apprehend, secure and return to the Consul or Vice Consul of his most Christian Majesty, all such deserters as may be found within this State:

And we do hereby earnestly recommend to the good citizens of the State, to give with the greatest alacrity, their aid and assistance in all lawful measures for so apprehending, securing and returning all such deserters.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

Attest:—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, for forty-six pounds two shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his attendance in Congress as a member of this State, till the ninth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Levan, Mr. Bayard, and
Mr. Van Campen, Mr. Gardner.

Ordered, That Robert Ralston be directed to muster the militia now called into service for guarding the British prisoners.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Trimble, for the sum of one pound sixteen shillings, for extracting the orders of Council from the minutes, from December, 1780, till January, 1782, inclusive, for the use of the Auditor's office.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 23d, 1782,

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.

A pass was granted to William Dickson, to go to Boston and to return again.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Samuel Miles, Deputy Quarter Master General, for thirty-three pounds fifteen shillings, for transportation of stores into the Indian country, lent to him, and to be repaid as soon as money shall come into his hands.

In favor of Major James Parr, for forty-five pounds specie, for bearing his expences into the Indian country, he being one of the officers going on the expedition into that country under General Potter, for which he is to account.

In favor of Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, for one hundred pounds, in one month from the date hereof, in part of his contract for supplying the Rangers and militia, stationed in Bedford county for defence of the frontiers with provisions, for which he is to account.

In favor of the said Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, for one hundred pounds specie, in two months from the date hereof, in part of said contract, for which he is to account.

In favor of said Bernard Dougherty, for three hundred pounds specie, in three months from the date hereof, in part of the said contract, for which he is to account.

A letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the fifteenth of of September, 1782, informing the Board that he has lately received official advices from Mr. Adams, of the resolutions of their high mightinesses, the States General of the United Provinces of the Netherlands, to receive and acknowledge the said Mr. Adams in quality of Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, and requesting the Council to cause the same to be made public, was read; whereupon,

The following proclamation was agreed to for the purpose aforesaid:

By his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Great Ruler of the Universe to remove the United States of America from a state of dependance, and establish them one among the nations of the earth, and in the course of His Providence to raise up to us allies and friends among the most powerful Princes and Commonwealths of Europe, from whom we have received the most important and essential services, of which the magnanimous conduct of His Most Christian Majesty, known and acknowledged by every good citizen, affords an example equally glorious to him and beneficial to us. And official information is now before us that their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Provinces of the Netherlands have received and acknowledged in due form the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, appointed to reside in that nation, an event which widens the basis of our independance and leads to an immediate connection with a powerful nation, whose alliance a variety of circumstances in their origin and government render extremely desirable:

We have thought fit, and do hereby, in solemn manner, make known and proclaim the same, to the end and intent that the good people of this Commonwealth may know the amity subsisting between the two nations, and in return for the kindness and affection shewn to us by their High Mightinesses, may on all occasions shew to the citizens and subjects of the States General every mark of solid esteem and respect:

And we do hereby strictly charge, enjoin and require all officers, civil and military, of this Commonwealth, to aid and assist the citi-

zens and subjects of the said States General, according to the law and usage of nations in amity.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency WILLIAM MOORE, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, *Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 24th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Van Campen.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 25th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Levan, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Van Campen.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, for one hundred pounds, in one month from the date hereof, in part of his accounts for supplying the Rangers and militia stationed in Northampton county with provisions, for which he is to account.

In favor of the said Stephen Balliott, for one hundred pounds specie in two months from this day, in part of the said account.

In favor of the said Stephen Balliott, for the sum of five hundred and twelve pounds three shillings and three pence specie, in three months from the date hereof, balance of the said account, as settled the twenty-ninth day of August last.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 26th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Levan.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Levan, and

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 28th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.

The Honorable Mr. Levan presented to the Council the following account for his attendance in Council, vizt:

Dr. The State of Pennsylvania,
To Sebastian Levan, Esquire.

For attendance in Council from the 6th of July till the 30th of September, 1782, inclusive, 87 days, a 17s 6, - - - - - - - - - -	£76 2 6
Mileage 120 miles, at s6 - - - - - - -	3
	£79 2 6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for the said sum of seventy-nine pounds two shillings and six pence.

On consideration,

Ordered, That William Henry, Esquire, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be directed to call out one subaltern, one serjeant, one corporal, and fifteen rank and file, from the militia of the said city and liberties, in addition to those already ordered into service, for the purpose of guarding British prisoners now in this city.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, for eighteen pounds specie, for forty pair of shoes furnished to Captain Shrawder's company of Rangers in Northampton county.

In favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, for the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, for transporting cloathing to the said company of Rangers.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, dated the twenty-third instant, expressing his opinion that it is best to decline the expeditions into the Indian country, was received and read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the expeditions into the Indian country be declined, and that orders be accordingly issued to the Commissioners for purchasing of provisions and hiring of horses.

Ordered, That the same be communicated to Major General Potter.

Ordered, That the march of Captain Shrawder's company of Rangers from Northampton county, be countermanded, and that the march of Lieutenant Johnston's company from Bedford county be also countermanded, the expeditions into the Indian country being laid aside.

Ordered, That the order of this day to Colonel William Henry, for calling into service one subaltern, one serjeant, one corporal, and fifteen privates, be countermanded.

Ordered, That the militia of the counties of Lancaster, York, and Berks, called into service on the ninth instant, for guarding the British prisoners in the said counties, be discharged as soon as the Continental troops shall return to that duty.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the counties of Northampton, Berks, Cumberland, York, Northumberland, Bedford, Westmoreland and Washington, be directed to call out no more militia after

the expiration of the time of those now in service, his Excellency General Washington having received intelligence that the British have called in all the savages, and that no more parties are to be permitted to be sent out against the frontiers.

Passes to Boston were granted to George Ritter, Abraham Rex, and George Rocher, and to return again.

Passes to Dobbs' Ferry, with permission to return again, were granted to Ann Gallagher and Elizabeth Hynes; also

Passes to Andreas Read to go to head-quarters; to John Mitchins to go to Woodbridge; and to Priscilla Gwin to go to New Jersey, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Van Campen.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, for fifty pounds specie, in part of his salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty of this State, for which he is to account.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for seventeen pounds eight shillings and nine pence specie, amount of his account for his wages and sundry small expences, in full to the 30th instant:

A pass was granted to William Simonson, to go to Oblong, in the State of New York, with leather breeches and writing paper, and to return.

The Attorney-General of the State attended in Council and requested the Board to appoint one more counsel to assist him on the trial of sundry persons for burglary in the county of Bucks, and also represented that a number of the ablest counsel in the State were employed against him.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That Joseph Reed, Esquire, be appointed counsel for the State to assist the Attorney-General on the trial of the said robbers, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of seventy-five pounds specie.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Christopher Grimes, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-two pounds one shilling and six pence specie, for cattle purchased of him by William Montgomery, Esquire, for the Indian expedition under General Potter, for which the said Montgomery is to account, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds borrowed of the bank.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Edmund Milne, for forty-one pounds four shillings and four pence specie, balance of his account for making a sword for Capt'n Joshua Barney, late of the ships Hyder Ally.

A transcript of the record of the conviction of negro Peter of murder, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery held at Philadelphia for the city and county of Philadelphia, the twenty-third day of September last, and sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck till he be dead, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued for the execution of the said sentence on Saturday the twelfth instant, between ten and two o'clock, at the usual place of execution.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 2d, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner, Mr. Van Campen.

The petition of Anne Martin, convicted of bigamy at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the city of Philadelphia, for the city and county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to be publicly whipped thirty-nine lashes on her bare back, and to be imprisoned during her life at hard labour, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That so much of the said sentence as respects the whipping be suspended until the expiration of four months from the date hereof.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Smith, for the sum of four pounds five shillings specie, for eight days and a half writing registering certificates for patents, issued from the the Land Office from July, 1781, till September, 1782.

A petition addressed to the General Assembly, from divers persons of Lancaster county, respecting militia fines, together with the order of the House, referring it to this Board, being read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to Adam Orth, with directions to him to enquire concerning the cases therein stated, and report to the Council forthwith.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Samuel J. Atlee, for one hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a delegate in Congress for this State, for which he is to account.

Passes were granted to James Sitzels, to go to Albany, to Samuel Price, to go to Lowden county, in Virginia, and to Cassimer Dewick, to the White Plains, in the State of New York, with permission to return.

A petition from Peter Godshall, committed of misprision of treason in the county of Lancaster, was read, together with the record of conviction and sentence of the court thereupon, to wit: "that he forfeit one half of his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to the use of the Commonwealth, and be imprisoned during the continuance of the present war: Whereupon,

The Council taking the same into consideration,

Ordered, That the said Peter Godshall be pardoned; and that a pardon be issued accordingly, under the seal of the State.

A like petition from George Weidel, convicted of misprision of treason in the said county, and sentenced as aforesaid, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a like pardon be issued, under the seal of the State, for the said George Weidel.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 3rd, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Gardner, and

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Mr. Thomas Rice, for fifteen pounds six shillings and six pence specie, for repairing the boat belonging to the State stationed at Billingsport.

In favor of William Turnbull, for seven hundred and thirteen pounds three shillings and one halfpenny specie, amount of his account for cloathing purchased for the Indian expeditions under General Potter, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds borrowed of the bank.

Passes to New York, to Susanna Hull, Elizabeth Punner, and Elizabeth Young.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Gardner,	General Lacey.

Pass to Virginia and to return again was granted to Matthias Conrad.

A number of citizens attended in Council and presented to the Board an advertisement, signed by "Philip Waggoner, Captain," calling upon "the militia of the Northern Liberties to meet on Tuesday next, the eighth of October, at the old place of parade, in Turner's lane, at eleven o'clock;" which advertisement they conceive to be an improper one, that being the day of election, and not appointed for the meeting of the militia, and praying the Council to take the same into consideration.

Ordered, That the same be referred for further consideration.

A letter of the fourth instant, from Francis Gurney, and William Allibone, two of the Commissioners for procuring an armament for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, was read, representing that it appears to them necessary that a suitable vessel, of shoal draft, be provided, in addition to the ship now in the service of the State, to be employed in repelling the attacks of the refugees that so frequently infest our bay: Whereupon, the Board taking the same into consideration,

Ordered, That the said Commissioners be directed to carry the said plan into immediate execution, the Council approving thereof.

Two deeds was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Alexander Power, as follows, vizt: One of them conveying eighty-one acres and one-quarter of land, situate in Newberry township, in the county of York: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the forfeited estate late of John Rankin, an attainted traitor, for the sum of sixty-five pounds specie. And the other, conveying ninety acres and three-quarters of land situate in the said township: Seized and sold as aforesaid, as the forfeited estate of

James Rankin, an attainted traitor, for the sum of eight hundred and thirty-four pounds and four shillings specie; which several sums the said Alexander Power hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deeds dated the third day of October, 1782.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Bayard,	Mr. Byers, (now first returned from his family,) and
Mr. Gardner,	
Mr. Levan,	General Lacey.

The Secretary having reminded the Board of seven plates made for the purpose of counterfeiting Continental money, and delivered in Council, by Colonel Donaldson, in June, 1777, and the Council considering that there is now no prosecution likely to be founded on them,

Ordered. That the same, with several impressions of the same, be defaced; and they were accordingly defaced

Several bonds and other papers, late belonging to James Molesworth, executed as a spy, being in possession of the Council, with a note in the hand-writing of his Excellency Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, relative thereto, being now taken into consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Attorney General, to be disposed of according to law, vizt:

Bond.—James Carson to James Molesworth, £204; do. Daniel Kerr to do., £196; and assignment of do. to James Molesworth.

Mem. of his Excellency President Warton.

Ordered, That the fifteen hundred pounds sent by the hands of Mr. Carnaghan to General Irvine, for defraying the expences of the western expedition, to be paid to the order of the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance, who agrees to account for the same, agreeably to the order of the General Assembly, appropriating the whole sum for the further defence of the frontiers, of which whole sum the said fifteen hundred pounds is a part.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one quarter's salary, due the thirteenth instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 7, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Gardner,	Mr. Byers, and
Mr. Levan,	General Lacey.
Mr. Van Campen,	

A pass was granted to Catharine Manly to go to New York, and to return again.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of forty pounds specie, for purchasing fire-wood for the use of the Council, for which he is to account.

In favor of Mr. William Turnbull, for three hundred and fifty-eight pounds five shillings, on account of purchasing cloathing for the troops of the State, to be paid three months after date.

In favor of Mr. Francis Bailey, for sixty-five pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, in full for printing for the Council till this day.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of Property of this State, Mr. President and Mr. Gardner agreed to meet the other members of the said Board, at four o'clock this afternoon.

Colonel Clement Biddle laid before the Board the following list of articles furnished to General Potter for the Northampton expedition, vizt:

400 knapsacks,	100 canteens,
6 Axes, helved,	3 whetstones,
14 do. not do.	25 grasshooks,
40 camp kettles,	78 large bags for flour.

The Council approve the delivering the same; and as the expedition is now laid aside,

Ordered, That Colonel Biddle do take the necessary measures for obtaining a return of the same into his hands again.

A pass was granted to John Potter to go to Boston and to return.

A pass was granted to Ann Davis to go to New York and to return.

The Honorable Joseph Gardner presented to the Council the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council from the 15th Dec'r, 1781, till 27th of the same month, inclusive, 12 days, a 25s., - - - - - - - - - - - -	£15	0	
Do. from 28th Dec'r, 1781, till 8th of October, 1782, inclusive, 286 days, a 17s. 6, - - - -	250	4	6
	£265	4	6
By an order on the Treasurer, - - - -	100		
Bal. - - - - - - - - - - -	£165	4	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Gardner, for one hundred and sixty-five pounds four shillings and six pence, balance of the said account, and in full till the eighth instant.

The Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council from the 20th of January till the 3rd of April, 1782, inclusive, 73 days, a 17s. 6, - - - - - - - - - - -	£62	1	
Do. from 25th of May till 1st of July, inclusive, 38 days, a 17s. 6, - - - - - - - - -	32	6	
Do. from 1st of Sept'r till 8th Oct., 1782, inclusive, 38 days, a 17s. 6, - - - - - - - -	32	6	
To 3 mileages, 90 miles each, a s6, - - - -	13	10	
	£140	3	
Cr. By an order on the Treasurer, - - £50			
By do. - - - - - 25			
—	75		
Balance, - - - - - - - - -	£65	3	

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honora- John Van Campen, for sixty-five pounds three shillings specie, balance of the said account.

The Honorable John Lacey, Junior, Esq'r, presented to the Board the following account, vizt:

For attendance in Council from the 11th of March till the 8th of Oct'r, 1782, at sundry times, amounting to 59 days, a 17s. 6, - - - - - - -	£51	12	6
To mileage twice going and coming from home, 27 miles—54 miles, at s6, - - - - - -	2	14	0
	£54	6	6
Cr. By an order on the Treasurer, - - -	20	0	0
Balance, - - - - - - - - - -	£34	6	6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Honorable John Lacey, Jun'r, for thirty-four pounds six shillings and six pence specie, balance of the foregoing account.

The Honorable John Bayard, Esquire, presented to the Board an account for his attendance in Council as follows, vizt:

From March 28, 1782, till October 7th following, inclusive, 194 days—deduct for 20 days' absence—remain 174 days, @ 17s 6, - - - - - -	£152 5

And an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Bayard, for one hundred and fifty-two pounds five shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Council till this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Lacey,	Mr. Levan. and
Mr. Gardner,	General Ewing, (now first
Mr. Byers,	returned from his family.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General, for three hundred and forty-one pounds fifteen shillings specie, in full for surveying and furnished plans of city lots, agreeably to accounts settled the 7th instant.

A return of Justices for Bedford township, in the county of Bedford, was received and read, by which it appears that William Proctor and George Wireraver were duly elected Justices for said township; whereupon,

Resolved, That William Proctor be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A pass was granted to Providence, Rhode Island, to Hugh Collon, Samuel Barr, and Matthew Linn, in one pass, and to return.

Do. to New York, Elizabeth Duck, and to return.

The Board having reconsidered the petition of Thomas Prudden and Andrew Caldwell, praying a settlement of the depreciation of their pay as Mates in the General Hospital of the United States; whereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Comptroller General to settle the depreciation of the pay of the said Prudden and Caldwell, according to the act of General Assembly passed the first day of October, 1781.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency William Moore, Esquire, President, for divers city lots in Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, viz:

To John Altston, for 38 lots, numbered from 528 to 531, from 552 to 554, from 556 to 559, from 568 to 591, and from 1414 to 1416, inclusive. Consideration one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven pounds.

To William Bingham, for 8 lots, numbered from 560 to 567, inclusive. Consideration two hundred and eighty-five pounds.

To Charles Miller, for 8 lots, numbered from 1125 to 1129, and from 1226 to 1228. Consideration two hundred and fifty-five pounds.

To Haym Solomon, for twelve lots, numbered from 1304 to 1309. Consideration four hundred and twenty pounds.

To alexander Forster, for nine lots, numbered from 1405 to 1413. Consideration six hundred and thirty-five pounds.

To Charles Risk, for six lots, numbered from 1497 to 1502. Consideration one hundred and thirty-five pounds.

To the same person, for lot No. 1588. Consideration fifty-nine pounds.

To Richard Whitehead, for four lots, numbered from 1688 & 1692 to 1694. Consideration one thousand six hundred and five pounds.

To Cadwallader Morris, for two lots, No. 1689 and 1690. Consideration eight hundred and sixty pounds.

To Lewis Weiss, for two lots, No. 1691 and 1695. Consideration seven hundred and fifteen pounds.

All which sums the above named persons have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State. Deeds dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Beyers, Mr. Van Campen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 10, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Van Campen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 11th, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES POTTER, Esquire.

Mr. Ewing, Mr Levan, and
Mr. Byers, Mr. Van Campen.

A pass was granted to Thomas Bartow and Daniel Benezet, Jun'r, to go to Elizabethtown, in New Jersey, and to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Levan, Mr. Byers.
Mr. Van Campen, and

The return of the general election of the city of Philadelphia was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

James Irvine, Esquire.

Representatives.

Samuel Meredith,
Sharp Delany,
Frederick A. Muhlenberg,
Samuel Morris, and
John Steinmetz.

The return of the general election of the county of Philadelphia was also received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

John Dickinson.

Representatives.

Matthew Holgate,
George Gray,
Henry Hill,
Thomas Reese,
Isaac Gray,
Samuel Penrose,
James Morris,
Samuel Ashmead, and
Jacob Rush.

Sheriffs.

William Will,
Thomas Proctor.

Coroners.

Joseph Rush,
Thomas Nevill.

Commissioner.

John Baker.

The Council taking into consideration the said returns; thereupon,

Ordered, That William Will, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia; and that Joseph Rush be appointed Coroner of the said city and county of Philadelphia, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

William Will, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the city and county of Philadelphia, now offers Peter Paris and Lewis Farmer, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as Sheriff for the said city and county of Philadelphia.

The return of the general election of the county of Bucks was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

George Wall, Junior.

Representatives.

Thomas Long,
Joseph Savage,
James Wilkinson,
James Tate, and
Joseph Thomas.

Sheriffs.

Samuel Dean, William Roberts.

Coroners.

William Bennett, Abraham Dubois.

The Council taking into consideration the said return; thereupon,

Ordered, That Samuel Dean, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Bucks; and that William Bennett be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Samuel Dean, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Bucks, now offers Arthur Irwin and Samuel Smith of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, which the Council approve.

George Wall, Jun'r, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Bucks, attended in Council, and took the oath required by the Constitution to qualify him for a Councillor; and thereupon took his seat in Council.

The Council received the return of the general election of the county of Chester, which being read, it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Councillor.

John M'Dowell.

Representatives.

David Thomas, Percifor Frazier,
James Boyd, Thomas Strawbridge.
John Lindsay, Benjamin Brannon,
Evan Evans, Thomas Maffet.

Sheriffs.

John Gardner, Thomas Levis.

Coroners.

Benjamin Rue, George Pierce.

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That John Gardner, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Chester; and that Benjamin Rue be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

John Gardner, Sheriff elect for the county of Chester, now offers Joseph Gardner and Edward Vernon, Esquires, of the said county, as sureties for his faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff for the said county, of which the Council approve.

The return of the general election of the county of Lancaster was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

Joseph Montgomery,	Samuel J. Atlee,
John Whitehill,	James Jacks,
Abraham Scott,	Matthias Slough,
John Craig,	William Brown,
Curtis Grubb,	James Mercer.
Christopher Kucher,	

Sheriffs.

Thomas Edwards,	Abraham Latcher.

Coroners.

John Offner,	Andrew Greaff.

Commissioner.

William Smith.

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That Thomas Edwards, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Lancaster; and that John Offner be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Thomas Edwards, Sheriff elect for the county of Lancaster, now offers Peter Grubb and Robert Coleman, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, which the Council approve.

The return of the general election of the county of Berks was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

Daniel Clymer,	John Patton,
Christian Lauer,	John Ludwig,
Abraham Lincoln,	George Egy.

Sheriffs.

Philip Kreamer,	John Whiteman.

Coroners.

Peter Nagel,	John Hartman

Commissioner.

Michael Forry,

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That Philip Kreamer, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Berks; and that Peter Nagel be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Philip Kreamer, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Berks, now offers Joseph Hiester and John Witman, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, which the Council approve.

The record of the conviction of John Tomlinson, of the county of Bucks, and a letter and petition of the same, were read; &

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing, Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Levan, and

James Irvine, Esquire, Councillor elect for the city of Philadelphia, attended in Council, and took the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the said office of Councillor; and thereupon took his seat accordingly.

The record of the conviction of John Tomlinson, of the county of Bucks, found guilty of felony, and sentence of death passed upon him, and also the petition of the said Tomlinson, being now read and considered,

Ordered, That execution of the said sentence be done on Thursday the seventeenth instant, at the usual place of execution, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, and a warrant was accordingly issued.

The situation of affairs no longer requiring the service of the city militia now on duty,

Ordered, That they be immediately discharged.

Passes were granted to William Jordan, to go to Boston; to Eleanor Murray, Elizabeth Kintzinger, and John Craig, to go to New York, and to return again.

Petition of Lactitia Bartholomew, for a pass to New York, was read and dismissed.

Petition of Philip Waggoner, convicted of adultery at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions held in the county of Philadelphia, was read, praying remission of a fine of fifty pounds spe-

cic, adjudged to be paid to the use of the State. On consideration,

Ordered, That the same be remitted.

Two deeds were examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, vizt:

To William Graham, for lots No. 1697, 1698, and 1699, in Philadelphia. Consideration two hundred and three pounds.

To Woodrop Sims, for lots numbered from 1704 to 1714, inclusive. Consideration eighty-two pounds and ten shillings.

Which lots were sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, and marked in the general plan of city lots, remaining in the Surveyor General's office Consideration paid to Mr. Rittenhouse, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated this day.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 15, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

Passes were granted to Christiana Reisin and John M'Alister, to go to New York and to return again.

The return of the general election for the county of Northampton was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

Jonas Hartzell,	Robert Lattimore,
Jacob Arndt, Sen'r,	Peter Kohler.
Jacob Stroud,	

Sheriffs.

Robert Traill,	Peter Ealer.

Coroners.

George Palmer,	Conrad Ihrie, Jun'r.

Commissioner.

Peter Traxler.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Robert Traill, Esquire, Sheriff elect, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Northampton, and George Palmer be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Robert Traill, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Northampton, now offers Jacob Gratz, Sen'r, and Michael Odewelder, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff for the said county, according to law, which the Council approve.

The return of the general election of the county of Cumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Representatives.

Stephen Duncan, James M'Lene,
John Carothers, Jonathan Hoge,
James Johnston, Patrick Maxwell.
William Brown,

Sheriffs.

John Boggs, Samuel Postlethwaite.

Coroners.

William Rippey, John Pollock.

Commissioner.

Samuel Laird.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Boggs, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Cumberland, and that William Rippey be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

John Boggs, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Cumberland, now offers James Johnston and James Dunlap as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law, which the Council approve.

A proclamation by Congress, recommending that Thursday the twenty-eighth day of November next, be observed as a day of solemn thanksgiving, &c., and a resolve of Congress of the fourth of October instant, respecting peace and war, were read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Ewing, Mr. Van Campen.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Ewing, Mr Van Campen.

A pass was granted to Frederick Tater to go to New York State and to return again.

The return of the general election of the county of York was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

Joseph McGuffin, John Hay,
Patrick Scott, Robert McPherson,
Michael Schmyser, Moses McClean,
Thomas Lilley, Michael Hahn.

Sheriffs.

Henry Miller & William Bailey.

Coroners.

Jacob Rudisell & George Lewis Lefler.

Commissioner.

William Cochran.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Henry Miller, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of York, and Jacob Rudisell be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Henry Miller, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of York, now offers Thomas Hartley and David Greer, of the said county, as

sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff, according to law, which the Council approve.

The return of the general election of the county of Northumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

William Montgomery, William Cook.
William Maclay, and

Sheriffs.

Thomas Grant, & Henry Antes.

Coroners.

John Chattam, & Stophell Gettig.

Commissioner.

David Meade.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said election be postponed till to-morrow morning.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Levan, Mr. Van Campen.

A petition from Doctor Abraham Schovett, for a pass into New York and to return again, was read and rejected.

A petition from Charlotte Stellers and Sarah Guy, for a pass to New York and to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

The Council resumed the consideration of the general election of the county of Northumberland; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Henry Antes, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, and that John Chattam be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Henry Antes, Sheriff elect for the county of Northumberland, offers Frederick Antes and William Antes, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law, which the Council approve of.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Irvine.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Daniel Roberdeau, Esq'r, for seventy-three pounds one shilling and three pence specie, amount of his account for lead furnished by him in the year 1779, for the defence of the frontiers of this State, as settled 19th August, 1782.

In favor of Messrs. Hall and Sellers, printers, for ninety-four pounds six shillings and one penny specie, in full of their accounts for printing for the Council, as settled the tenth instant.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Smith, Esquire, Delegate in Congress for this State, dated yesterday, on the subject of a request from the State of Connecticut to his Excellency General Washington, to have the garrison of Wyoming withdrawn; and a resolution of Congress, whereby the General is at liberty to continue or abandon the post at Wyoming, as he shall judge most for the public good, the former resolution on that subject notwithstanding, were read; and the same being considered, thereupon,

Ordered, That a letter be written to his Excellency General Washington on that subject, stating the inconveniencies that may arise to this State should that garrison be withdrawn, and praying that a garrison may be kept up.

A pass was granted to Jane Mary Levins to go into New York and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Emmart, for two pounds five shillings, for riding express to Bucks county with a warrant for the execution of John Tomlinson, for burglary

A return of Justices for the township of Colerain, in the county of Bedford, was received and read, by which it appears that John Cessna and Abraham Miley were duly elected Justices for the said township; whereupon,

Ordered, That John Cessna, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Bedford, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

The return of the general election for the county of Bedford was now received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

Charles Cessna, and George Woods.

Sheriffs.

Abraham Miley & Thomas Hays.

Coroners.

John Wilt & Samuel Davidson.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Abraham Miley be appointed Sheriff of the county of Bedford, and that John Wilt be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Abraham Miley, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Bedford, now offers Charles Cessna and John Cessna, Esquires, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law, which the Council approve.

The Council resumed the consideration of the proclamation of Congress of the eleventh instant, recommending to the several States to appoint Thursday the twenty-eighth day of November, as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the following proclamation be issued.

By the Honorable JAMES POTTER, Esquire, Vice President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The United States in Congress assembled, by their proclamation dated the eleventh day of October instant, have set forth and recommended, that "it being the indispensable duty of "all nations not only to offer up their supplications to Almighty "God, the giver of all good, for His gracious assistance in time of "distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give Him "praise for His goodness in general, and especially for great and

"signal interpositions of His Providence in their behalf; therefore, "the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consid- "eration the many instances of Divine Goodness to the States, in the "course of the important conflict in which they have been so long "engaged, the present happy and promising state of public affairs, "and the events of the war in the course of the year now drawing "to a close, particularly the harmony of the public Councils, which "is so necessary to the success of the public cause; the perfect "union and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted be- "tween them and their allies, notwithstanding the artful and un- "wearied attempts of the common enemy to divide them; the suc- "cess of the arms of the United States, and those of their allies; "and the acknowledgment of their Independence by another Eu- "ropean power, whose friendship and commerce must be of great "lasting advantage to these States: Do hereby recommend it to "the inhabitants of the several States in general, to observe, and "request the several States to interpose their authority in appoint- "ing and commanding the observation of Thursday the twenty- "eighth day of November next, as a day of solemn Thanksgiving "to God for all His mercies: And they do further recommend to "all ranks to testify their gratitude to God for His goodness by a "cheerful obedience to His laws, and by promoting, each in his "station and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled "religion, which is the foundation of public prosperity and Na- "tional happiness:" Wherefore, as well from a just sense of the goodness of God towards these United States, and of the duty incumbent on us to make our public acknowledgments thereof, as from a due sense of the said pious recommendation of Congress: We do hereby recommend to the people of this State, that they set apart Thursday, the said twenty-eighth day of November next, as a day of solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God, agreeable to the recommendation of the said recited proclamation.

Given in Council, under the hand of the Honorable JAMES POTTER, Esquire, Vice President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

JAMES POTTER, Vice President.

Attest:—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 22nd, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Ewing, Mr. Van Campen.

A pass was granted to Jacob Sneider to go to Boston and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 23d, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Van Campen, Mr. Irvine.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Ewing, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Irvine, Mr. Van Campen.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Robert Levers, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, be authorised and directed to contract with some suitable person in the said county, for supplying the troops stationed in the said county with provisions, at the most reasonable rate, not exceeding the price heretofore agreed upon with Colonel Stephen Balliott, provided that the said Colonel Balliott shall decline furnishing provisions agreeably to his contract, but if he chooses to continue his contract it will be agreeable to Council.

Council having received information that a certain Henry Welflang, hath lately came out of New York and is now in this city, and who, they have reason to believe, is an attainted traitor, by the

name of "Henry Welflang, shoemaker, late of the city of Philadelphia;" On consideration,

Ordered, That the Doorkeeper secure the said Henry Welflang, and take him before Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, for examination.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 25, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Levan,	Mr. Ewing.

A letter from Thomas Scott, Esquire, of Washington county, of the fourth instant, with a return of Justices for Cumberland township, in the said county, was received and read, by which return it appears that William M'Cleery, and John Armstrong, were duly elected Justices. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said letter and return lie on the table for consideration.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Van Campen.

The Council resumed the consideration of the letter from Thomas Scott, Esquire, and the return of Justices for Cumberland township, Washington county; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a letter be written to the said Thomas Scott, Esquire, informing him that Council think it not quite prudent to issue a commission upon so old a return as that in which Mr. Edgar is mentioned, unless a petition from the people of the district had supported the sentiment expressed in his letter; and that they have also thought it best to delay their decision on the return now received, as they are informed it is probable that one of the gentlemen named therein may be returned a member of the General Assembly; but when that point is known, the Council will nominate and issue the commission, so as to forward it by the first opportunity.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 28th, 1782

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Levan.

A pass was granted to Joseph Webb to go to Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, with one team loaded with flour and hemp, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Levan,
Mr. Ewing, and
Mr. Wall, (now returned from his family.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Wall,
Mr Levan,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Ewing.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Poartch, for twenty-nine pounds five shillings specie, for thirteen hundred rails, for fencing Billingsport, delivered to William Smith.

A letter from the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of the Finances of the United States of America, of the twenty-third instant, was read, inclosing two acts of Congress in the following words, vizt:

By the United States in Congress assembled, 16th Oct'r, 1782.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the Grand Committee, consisting of a member from each State, was agreed to

as follows: ten States being represented, and assenting to the same.

That the estimate for the service of the year 1782, be as follows:

For the pay of the army,	2,609,320 dollars.
Hospital department,	103,177
Quarter Master General's do.,	718,500
Cloathier General's,	200,000
For military stores,	49,891
Rations,	1,281,174
Civil and military staff,	304,447
Marine,	300,000
Civil list,	181,214
Contingencies,	252,277
Amounting to six millions of dollars,	6,000,000

Resolved, That a requisition be made from the several States of two millions of dollars, in such quotas as Congress may assign to them respectively, as a part of the sum necessary for the service of the year ensuing; and that any further requisition be suspended until the result of the measures taken by Congress for obtaining loans shall be known.

By the United States in Congress assembled, October 18, 1782.

On the report of a Grand Committee, consisting of a member from each State,

Resolved, That the several quotas of the two millions of dollars required of the States by the resolution of the sixteenth instant for the service of the year 1783, be assigned to the respective States, vizt:

To New Hampshire,	80,000 dollars.
Massachusetts,	320,000
Rhode Island, & Providence Plantations,	48,000
Connecticut,	222,000
New York,	90,000
New Jersey,	110,000
Pennsylvania,	300,000
Delaware,	28,000
Maryland,	220,000
Virginia,	290,000
North Carolina,	148,000
South Carolina,	120,000
Georgia,	24,000
Dollars,	2,000,000

Resolved, That the several States be called upon to furnish the Treasury of the United States with their respective quotas in four equal proportions or quarterly payments, the first payment to be

made on the first day of April next; that the said sums, when paid, shall be credited to the accounts of the several States, on interest, to be hereafter adjusted, agreeably to the resolution of the sixth of October, 1779.

Resolved, That it be impressed on the several States as absolutely necessary to lay taxes for raising their quotas of money for the United States separate from those laid for their own particular use, and to pass acts directing the Collectors to pay the same to such persons as have or shall be appointed by the Superintendant of Finance to receive the same within the State, and to authorise such receiver to recover the monies of the Collectors, for the use of the United States, in the same manner, and under the same penalties as State taxes are recovered by the Treasurer of the respective States, to be subject only to the orders of Congress or the Superintendant of Finance.

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'ry.

One other letter from the said Superintendant of Finance of the twenty-first instant, circular to the several States in the Union, was also read, stating the deficiencies in the payment of the supplies required by Congress, and the sufferings of the army thereupon, and calling upon them to exert themselves in completing the same, to enable him to comply with his contracts. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said letters from the Superintendant of Finance, and resolutions of Congress, be immediately laid before the General Assembly.

A letter from Brigadier General Irvine, at Fort Pitt, of the eighth instant, acquainting the Board of his intention to carry on an expedition from that place into the Indian country, being apprehensive of the further ravages of the Indians; the expedition to consist of two hundred Militia, sixty Rangers, some few Regulars, and as many Volunteers as can be raised on that side of the Mountain, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 31, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Levan,

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Samuel Cunningham, Esq'r, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-seven pounds four shillings and eight pence spe-

cie, balance of his account for purchasing cloathing in the county of Chester, for the army in 1777 and 1778.

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence specie, balance of his account for fire-wood purchased for the Council, and his wages as doorkeeper till this day.

In favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esq'r, Attorney General, for twenty-eight pounds five shillings, for extra services as Attorney General.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 1, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Loughead, Paymaster, for eighty-seven pounds five shillings and ten pence specie, to pay the militia lately called into service; said Paymaster to account. To be charged to Colonel William Henry, and paid out of money arising from militia fines.

A letter from John Craig, Esquire, acquainting the Board that he hath been elected a Representative in the General Assembly for the county of Lancaster, and praying Council to accept his resignation of his office of Justice of the Peace for the said county, as necessary previous to his taking his seat, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said resignation be accepted.

The petition of John Seely, convicted in the county of Northampton of fornication and bastardy, praying remission of his fine, was read; a recommendation of divers inhabitants of the said county being also read; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Seely, be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which sum he is to account.

Mr. Joseph Montgomery and Mr. James McClean, a committee from the General Assembly, attended in Council, and informed the Council that the House is now met and ready to receive any busi-

ness which the Council may be pleased to lay before them. Whereupon,

A draft of a message to the General Assembly being prepared and laid before the Board, was read, and approved, and is in the words following, vizt:

A message from the Vice President and Supreme Executive Council, to the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:

GENTLEMEN:—The expeditions planned against the Western Indians having been laid aside, after the preparations for them were in great forwardness, in which the spirit of patriotism among the people of the frontier counties shewed itself in a conspicuous manner; and there was reason to hope for success even beyond what so sudden a movement at first view seemed to promise. We think it proper to lay before you the intelligence upon which the Council was induced to countermand their first orders, and to lay aside the expedition, in full expectation that the House will see the propriety and policy of the measure. With those papers the Secretary will lay before you several letters from the Superintendant of of Finance, inclosing resolutions of Congress which contain matter of great importance, and deserve the earliest attention, as the state of affairs in Europe render it prudent and necessary to make vigorous preparations in expectation of a continuance of the war.

The resolutions of Congress of the twenty-third of April last, respecting provisions to be made for sick and wounded soldiers, also requires the attention of the House, as several applications have already been made to us for the aid which Congress have recommended to be made for them.

We shall cultivate, on all occasions, that perfect harmony between the Executive and Legislative, which is essentially necessary for the support of government at all times, and more especially in times of danger and difficulty.

JAMES POTTER, Vice President.

Council Chamber, Phil'a, Nov'r 1, 1782.

Ordered, That the said message be laid before the General Assembly, together with the following papers, vizt:

A letter from the Superintendant of Finance of the twentieth of September last, and a resolution of Congress of the eighteenth of the same month.

Ditto from ditto of October 5th, and resolutions of Congress of the 1st instant, on the New Jersey representation.

Circular do., from do. of the twenty-first, on the subject of the delay of payment of the supplies required by Congress from the several States in the Union, and the sufferings of the army in consequence thereof.

Do. from do. of the twenty-third, and resolutions of Congress of the seventeenth, containing an estimate from Congress for the services of the year 1783, and of the eighteenth, quotaing the same upon the several States.

Do. from his Excellency General Washington of the twenty-third ulto., recommending the laying aside the Indian expedition under Generals Potter and Irvine.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of David C. Claypoole, for eight pounds fifteen shillings specie, for quills, paper, ink, &c., furnished by him to the Comptroller General's office.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 2, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Van Campen.
Mr. Ewing,	

John McDowell, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Chester, attended in Council and took the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the said office, and thereupon took his seat at the Board.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President to George Henry, for lots No. 1685, 1686, and 1687, in the city of Philadelphia, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor general's office, and sold for redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty ninth day of April, 1780, vizt: for eight hundred pounds. Deeds dated the second instant.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 4, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. McDowell,	Mr. Ewing.

John Dickinson, Esquire, Councillor elect for the county of Philadelphia, attended in Council and took the oaths required

by the Constitution to qualify him for the said office, and thereupon took his seat at the Board.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of of Property, the Honorable the Vice President and Mr. Irvine agreed to meet the other members of the said Board at twelve o'clock this day.

The Honorable John Byers' account was presented to the Council, and is as follows, vizt:

The State of Pennsylvania,

To John Byers, Dr.

For attendance in Council from the fifth of October till the fifth of November, 1782, 32 days, a 17s 6,	£28	
125 miles, coming to Phil'a and going home, a 1s,	6	5
	£34	5

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Byers, for thirty-four pounds five shillings specie, amount of the said account.

Mr. William Maclay and Mr. William Montgomery, a committee of the General Assembly, and John Hazlewood, Esquire, one of contractors for the army, attended in Council and represented that some of the cattle lately purchased by Mr. Montgomery for the Indian expeditions, and since sold to the said Hazlewood, for the use of the army, (the said expeditions being laid aside,) are not fit for killing, and recommended to the Board to order them to be disposed of in some other way: Whereupon,

The Council taking the same into consideration,

Ordered, That William Montgomery, Esquire, be authorised and directed forthwith to dispose of such cattle lately purchased by him, as are now not fit for killing, in such manner as he shall judge most for the interest of the State, and report to this Board as soon as may be.

Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Joseph Montgomery, and Mr. Atlee, a committee of the General Assembly attended in Council, and proposed to the consideration of the Council the appointing a day for electing a President and Vice President of this Council, when Thursday next was agreed on as a proper day.

Mr. Ewing and Mr. McDowell, two members of this Board, agreed to meet the committee of the General Assembly, in order to agree upon the ceremonies necessary to be observed at the election of a President and Vice President, to be held on Thursday next.

Mr. Maclay and Mr. Rush, a Committee of the House of Assembly, attended in Council, and requested a conference with the Council on the subject of the expence of the trial between this State

and the State of Connecticut; when the Council agreed to meet at four o'clock this afternoon, on the same business, and that the agents of this State be notified to attend.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

4 o'clock, P. M., Monday, November the 4th, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. M'Dowell, and
Mr. Dickinson,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Van Campen,	

The committee of the General Assembly attended in Council, and the Agents and Solicitor attended in the committee room adjoining the Council Chamber.

The Council and Committee of the General Assembly resumed the consideration of the expence of the trial between this State and that of Connecticut; and thereupon,

Agreed, That two hundred and fifty pounds be allowed as a fee to each of the Agents, in full of all their services on the said trial, and that one hundred and fifty pounds specie be allowed to Henry Osborne, Esq'r, as a fee, in full for his services as Solicitor on the trial aforesaid.

Agreed, That the sum of thirty shillings per day be allowed to each of the said Agents and to the Solicitor, for their expences during the time they shall be employed in the said business.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr Dickinson,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr Wall,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. M'Dowell,	

The petition of Samuel Jefferis, praying leave to go to New York, taking with him the tools of his trade, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That an order be granted accordingly, not to return again.

A letter from Charles Thomson, Esquire, informing that Elias Boudinott, Esquire, was on the fourth elected President of Congress, was read, and

Ordered, To be filed.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of one hundred pounds, specie, for repairing arms for the State, for which he is to account.

On application, and a pass from head quarters being produced,

Ordered, That a pass to Maryland be granted to William Bay.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 6, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. M'Dowell,
Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. Ewing.

A committee of the Council and a committee of the General Assembly having conferred together,

Agreed, That the etiquette of the election, and proclamation of the President and Vice President, be in the form of last year, except only that the procession return to the State House instead of going to the City Tavern; that the bells be rung; and that thirteen cannon be fired on the proclamation being read.

Ordered, That the City Lieutenant do call out a proper number of the Artillery Militia, to conduct the Artillery on the day of the election of a President and Vice President; and that orders be given to fire thirteen cannon in the State House yard immediately after the proclamation.

Ordered, That the Secretary direct the bells to be rung immediately after the proclamation of the President shall have been read.

Ordered, That the agents of the State, in the case of the Connecticut claims, and the Solicitor, be requested to attend in the Council Chamber, on Friday next at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of a free conference on that subject, more especially respecting the state of the evidence collected thereupon.

A return of Justices for the district of West Nantmell and East Caln, in the county of Chester, was now received and read, by which it appears that John Culbertson and James Moore, Esquires, were duly elected.

On consideration,

Ordered, That James Moore, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Chester, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A pass was granted to Mary Thomson to go to New York, not to return again.

A pass was granted to Daniel Buckwater and Christian Marie, to go to Boston and Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, and to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 7, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine.	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. Dickinson,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. Ewing.

A pass was granted to Catharine Jones to go to Dobbs' Ferry, on the North river, and to return.

The Clerk of the Honorable House of General Assembly attended in Council and informed the Council that the House of Assembly is now ready to proceed to the election of a President and Vice President. Thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council do attend the House and inform them that the Council is now ready to meet the General Assembly in the Assembly room, and to proceed to the election of a President and Vice President of the Council.

The Honorable the Vice President and the members of the Council met the General Assembly in the Assembly room; and thereupon,

The Secretary of the Council and the Clerk of the House proceeded to take the votes for President.

And the votes were as follow, vizt:

For John Dickinson, Esquire, forty-one.
For James Potter, Esquire, thirty-two.

The Council and General Assembly then proceeded to the choice of a Vice President, and the votes being taken were as follow, vizt:

For James Ewing, Esquire, thirty-nine.
For James Potter, Esquire, thirty-four.

And thereupon,

It was declared that JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, was then duly elected to be President, and JAMES EWING, Esquire, was then duly elected Vice President.

And the following declaration of the said election being read, was signed by his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President, the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, Vice President, and the other members of the Council then present, and the same was signed by the Honorable Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Esquire, Speaker of the General Assembly, and by the members of the General Assembly then present, vizt:

To all People to whom these presents shall come, or may concern, the General Assembly and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania send greeting:

Know ye that we, the Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, in the State House at Philadelphia, together with the members of the Supreme Executive Council of the said Commonwealth, in the same place convened, to elect a President and Vice President of the said Council, have, agreeable to the direction of the nineteenth section of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, duly and fairly elected and chosen by ballot his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President, and the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council; and to the end that due regard and obedience may be paid to them in the execution of their respective offices on all occasions, we do hereby make known and declare, that the said John Dickinson is the President, and James Ewing is the Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the seventh day of November, in the seventh year of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

And the said John Dickinson, Esquire, is hereby proclaimed to be Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Signed,

JAMES POTTER, Vice President of the Council.

John Dickinson,
James Irvine,
George Wall, Jun'r,
John M'Dowell,
James Ewing,
Sebastian Levan,
John Van Campen,
} Members of the Council.

FREDERICK A. MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the General Assembly.

John Steinmetz,
Samuel Meredith,
Sharp Delany,
Matthew Holegate,
George Gray,
Isaac Gray,
Thomas Rees,
Henry Hill,
Samuel Penrose,
James Morris,
Samuel Ashmead,
Jacob Rush,
Thomas Long,
James Tate,
Joseph Thomas,
Percifor Frazier,
Thomas Strawbridge,
Robert McPherson,
Moses McClean,
Michael Schmyser,
Michael Hahn,
Patrick Scott,
Thomas Lilley,
Stephen Duncan,
William Brown,
John Carothers,
James McLene,
James Johnston,
Jonathan Hoge,
Patrick Maxwell,
Daniel Clymer,
David Thomas,
Benjamin Brannon,
John Lindsay,
James Boyd,
Evan Evans,
Joseph Montgomery,
Christopher Kucher,
John Whitehill,
Samuel J. Atlee,
Abraham Scott,
James Jacks,
John Craig,
Matthias Slough,
William Brown,
James Mercer,
John Hay,
Joseph Magoffin,
Christian Lower,
Abraham Lincoln,
John Patton,
Jonas Hartzell,
Jacob Arndt,
Jacob Stroud,
Robert Lattimore,
Charles Cessna,
William Montgomery,
William Cook,
William Maclay,
John Carnahan,
Nehemiah Stokely,

Members of the General Assembly.

Agreed, unanimously, that the said declaration of the election of the President and Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council be publicly read at the Court House in the city of Philadelphia by the Secretary of the Council; and that the Secretary of the Council do then proclaim the President in the following words, viz:

And the said JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, is hereby proclaimed to be the President of the said Supreme Executive Council, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Agreed, that the order of the procession to the Court House be as follows, vizt:

Constables with their staves.
Sub-Sheriffs with their wands.
High Sheriff with his wand.

Coroner with his wand.
Judges of the Supreme Court.
Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Judge, Register, & Marshal of the Admiralty.
Naval officer.
Treasurer and Attorney General of the State.
Secretary of the Land office, Receiver & Surveyor General of the State.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, & Clerk of the Court of Quarter Session.
Clerk of the City Court.
Master of the Rolls and Escheator General.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President & the Hon'ble the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Doorkeeper of the Council.
Sergeant-at-Arms with the mace.
The Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Clerk of the House.
Members of the General Assembly, two & two.
Doorkeeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
General and Field officers of the militia.
Citizens.

The Secretary reports, that the declaration of the President was read at the Court House, and the President proclaimed according to the order of the Council.

His Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President, in consequence of his election to that office, now took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution of the State. And the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, Vice President, elected to that office at the same time, took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution as aforesaid.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 8, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McDowell,
Mr. Van Campen,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Potter.

Agreeably to the order of the sixth, the Attorney General, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Osborne, attended in the Council Chamber, and a free conference was had respecting the state of the evidence collected and to be produced on the trial between this State and that of Connecticut.

On consideration of the intelligence from the county of Northumberland, of ravages by the Indians,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland be authorised to call out any number of the militia which he may see occasion for, on any sudden alarm, not exceeding at any one time one hundred men.

A letter from John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, of this day's date, requesting an order on the Treasurer for twenty pounds specie, to be accounted for by him, in expences in removing his office, repairing the room he now occupies, half a dozen chairs, a table, wood and candles for the winter season, also a green cloth for the table.

On consideration,

Ordered, That as the law appointing the Comptroller General does not make provision for the articles Mr. Nicholson applies for, the Council are not authorised to draw the order he requests.

The Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, presented to the Board his account for his attendance in Council, as follows, vizt:

From the 8th of October to the 6th of November, 1782, 30 days, at 17s 6, - - - - - - - - -	£26 5
Mileage 79 miles, coming to Philadelphia and returning, 158 miles, a s6, - - - - - - - -	3 19
	£30 4

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Ewing, for thirty pounds four shillings, amount of the said account.

Adjourned.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8th, 1782, Friday, 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. McDowell,	Mr. Potter.
Mr. Wall,	

WHEREAS, Divers papers belonging to the Land Office have not been delivered to the present Secretary of that office, and especially the Indian deeds for lands purchased of them within the State of Pennsylvania, which deeds are necessary to be produced on the trial now coming on between this State and the State of Connecticut, respecting lands within the charter bounds of Pennsylvania, which Indian deeds, by the letters of James Tilghman, Esquire, late Secretary of the Land Office, now produced to this Board, and the representation of David Kennedy, Esquire, appear to remain in the hands of the Honorable John Penn, Esquire; therefore,

Ordered, That David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land Office, be directed to apply to the said John Penn, Esquire, demand and receive the said Indian deeds from him, giving a receipt for the same.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 9, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable the Vice President.

Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Van Campen,
Mr. McDowell,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Levan.

Passes were granted to Margaret Rhoorbach, to go to Second River, in the State of New Jersey, and to John Long, to go to New Windsor, in the State of New York, and to return again.

Colonel Richard Butler attended in Council, and represented that it is probable that a number of the men now enlisted in the Pennsylvania line for the term of eighteen months, and whose time ex-

pires on the first day of January next, may be engaged for the continuance of the war; and requested the opinion and direction of Council; thereupon, on consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Richard Humpton give orders to his recruiting officers to enlist such of the eighteen months' men as may be willing to continue for the war, on the same conditions as other recruits are enlisted.

The return of the general election of the county of Westmoreland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Representatives.

John Carnahan, Nehemiah Stokely.
Alexander McClean, &

Sheriffs.

Matthew Jack & Thomas Freeman.

Coroners.

Michael Rugh & Samuel Bradley.

Commissioner.

William Jack.

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That Matthew Jack be appointed Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland, and that Michael Rugh be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Matthew Jack, Sheriff elect for the county of Westmoreland, now offers Matthew Ritchie and John Carnahan, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff, according to law, which this Council approve.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Potter.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, of the fifth instant, acquainting the Board that Dobbs' ferry is the only post from whence flags are sent or at which they are received, request-

ing that for the future that route may be inserted in all passes granted to persons to go into New York, was read, and

Ordered, That the said request be complied with, and that the letter aforesaid be filed.

The following papers were read and ordered to lie on the table, vizt:

Resolution of the General Assembly, of this day, requesting Council to lay before the House a state of the disposal of five thousand pounds, appropriated for the frontier defence.

Reports of the Comptroller General, on the accounts of the State Treasurer and William Brown, contractor for supplying rations to the militia of Cumberland county, and Messieurs Montgomery and Rees, contractors, as aforesaid, for the county of Northumberland.

Messrs. Joseph Montgomery and Samuel J. Atlee, a committee of the General Assembly, attended and acquainted the Council that five men were arrived in this city in a destitute situation, having been taken prisoners on the frontiers of the Indians, carried into Canada, and from thence made their escape to this place, and requesting information from the Council whether any cloathing could be had for them out of Colonel Farmer's store.

Mr. Kennedy, Secretary of the Land office, attended in Council and reported that the Honorable John Penn had informed him that the Indian deeds were not in his possession, but he supposed Mr. Physick or Mr. Tilghman, late Secretary of the Land office, were possessed of them; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Kennedy be directed to write to James Tilghman, Esquire, late Secretary of the Land office, and demand from him the said Indian deeds, as papers belonging to the said office.

William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General, attended in Council, and informed that there are divers manuscripts in the hands of Ebenezer Hazard, Esquire, which if produced, may be useful on the trial shortly to come on between this State and that of Connecticut; thereupon,

Ordered, That the Attorney General be authorised and empowered to borrow the same of Mr. Hazard in the name of the State, and to give him a receipt therefor.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Council met.

Four o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, November 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Potter.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to lay before the Council, with all convenient dispatch, a state of the Ranging companies raised for the defence of the frontiers, in the best manner he can.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Colonel Nicholas Lutz, for ten pounds two shillings and six pence specie, for rations furnished by him to the militia called out from the county of Berks, for the defence of the frontiers of Northumberland county, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds appropriated for the frontiers defence.

In favor of Jacob Stroud, Esquire, for three pounds specie, for transportation of cloathing, blankets, arms, &c., from Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, to Capt'n Shrawder's in Northampton county, to be paid out of the said five thousand pounds.

In favor of William Bradford, Jun'r, Esquire, Attorney General, for two hundred and fifty pounds specie, towards defraying the half part of the pay of the commissioners in the controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, and other contingent expences, touching the execution of the said commission, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly of sixth instant; and one other order, in favor of the said Attorney General, for one hundred and fifty pounds specie, towards defraying the daily expences of the Agents and Solicitor in the said controversy, according to the said resolution; for which two sums the said Attorney General is to account.

The report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of William Maclay, Esquire, appointed to purchase flour for the Indian expedition, was read, by which it appears that there remains in his hands a balance of one hundred and ninety-six pounds two shillings and two pence one half-penny specie, and also a quantity of flour undisposed of, vizt: Fifty-one hundred one-quarter and nine pounds. On consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. Maclay be directed to pay the said balance into the hands of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, State Treasurer, and also dispose of the flour remaining on hand, to the best advantage, and pay to the State Treasurer afs'd, the balance arising therefrom.

On consideration,

Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be directed to lay before the Board with all convenient dispatch, an account stating the amount of the several kinds of paper money now in circulation within this State, or in this Treasury, and in what manner the same came into the Treasury, and what sums of paper money have been destroyed according to law, or are now ready to be so destroyed.

Resolutions of the General Assembly of the eleventh instant, were received and read, expressing their approbation of the orders of Council for countermanding the Indian expeditions. That the House will take effectual measures to raise three hundred thousand dollars, being the quota of supplies for this State for 1783. That they will provide for the support of the sick and wounded soldiers belonging to the line of the State; and requesting that Council will lay before the House a state of the disposal of the five thousand pounds lately appropriated for the frontier defence.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Potter.

A return of the Justices for the town of York, in the county of York, was received and read, by which it appears that Michael Swoope, George Stake, were duly elected Justices for the said town. On consideration,

Ordered, That Michael Swoope and George Stake be appointed Justices of the Peace for the county of York, and that they be commissioned accordingly

A pass was granted to Elizabeth Price, to go to New York, by the way of Dobb's ferry, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 13th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Van Campen, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Potter.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable Thomas Smith, late a delegate in Congress for this State, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine pounds ten shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Congress till the twelfth instant, and his mileage.

In favor of the honorable Henry Wynkoop, late a delegate as aforesaid, for twenty-two pounds two shillings and six pence specie, in full for his attendance in Congress till the 12th instant, and his mileage.

In favor of Joseph Dolby, and others, ringers of the bells of Christ's church, for eighteen pounds specie, in full for their account for ringing the same bells, till this day.

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for two several sums, vizt:

One of them for eighty-two pounds twelve shillings and six pence; and the other for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

In favor of William Montgomery, Esquire, for two hundred and ninety-five pounds specie, for paying two months' pay to Cap't Thomas Robinson's company of Rangers, stationed in the county of

In favor of William Montgomery, Esq'r, for two hundred and fifty-two pounds ten shillings specie, to be applied in paying two months' pay to the six months' men raised and added to Captain Robinson's company stationed in the said county, for which two several sums the said William Montgomery is to account, and which are to be paid out of the five thousand pounds appropriated for the frontier defence.

In favor of Charles Cessna, Esquire, for two hundred and eighty-three pounds specie, to be applied in paying to Lieut. Johnston's company of Rangers in Bedford county, two months' pay, to be paid out of the said five thousand pounds, for which the said Charles Cessna is to account.

In favor of Nehemia Stokely, Esq'r, for one hundred and fifty-eight pounds specie, to be applied in paying to Lieutenant Cummins' company of Rangers in Westmoreland county, two months'

pay, out of the said five thousand pounds, for which the said Stokely is to account.

In favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire, for two hundred and thirty pounds specie, to be applied in paying Captain Schrawder's company of Rangers in Northampton county, two months' pay, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds afs'd, and for which Mr. Van Campen is to account.

A petition from John Fullerton, praying permission for his daughter to come from New York, was read; and

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

A letter from John Glonsinger, on behalf of Adam Orth, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, respecting a petition to the General Assembly, signed by a number of the inhabitants of that county, referred by the House to this Council, being again read, and Colonel Mercer attending in the Council chamber, represented that he had been present at the appeals of divers persons who alleged that they had not been duly notified to attend the former Courts of Appeal, and that it clearly appeared in all the cases that they had been duly notified. On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Orth be required to proceed in the discharge of his duty according to law.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. Van Campen.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Joseph Montgomery, for ninety-two pounds specie, in full for his attendance in Congress as a delegate, late for this State, till the twenty-eighth day of October last, and his mileage.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 15, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Van Campen,

A draft of a message from the Council to the General Assembly, being prepared, was presented to the Board and read. On consideration,

The same is approved, and is in the following words, vizt:

A Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

Gentlemen:—We send to you with particular satisfaction, a letter from Mr. Morris, of the ninth instant, and the enclosures concerning his agency, as we are convinced will be very pleasing to you to see such accurate accounts of large sums of public money rendered so quickly after the appropriation and application of them.

With them will be delivered the accounts of the Treasurer of the State for this year, and the report of the Comptroller General thereon, which from a strict to his sense of duty has been laid before us. Upon considering the nature of these accounts, and the law establishing the Comptroller General's office, doubts have arisen in our minds whether it would be regular in us to decide upon them; and, therefore, we have judged it proper to transmit them to your Honorable House.

We also send a letter from the Secretary at War, of the seventh instant, and an act of Council of the ninth, upon an application of Colonel Richard Butler, that you may be fully possessed of the plan in contemplation with respect to our line, and have the necessary information for taking other measures on that head, if they shall be deemed expedient.

In compliance with your resolution of the eleventh instant, we inclose a state of the disposal of the five thousand pounds obtained from the National Bank for the further defence of the frontiers.

Referring to that subject, we beg leave to observe that we have had under our consideration the accounts of Mr. William Brown and Messieurs Montgomery and Reese, now inclosed, and the Comptroller General's reports upon them, which we approve. But as the services mentioned in those accounts were almost wholly prior to the resolution of the General Assembly of the ninth of last September, appropriating the five thousand pounds solely to the further defence of the frontiers, we esteemed it our duty to de-

cline giving orders for payment out of that fund, unless you should previously authorise us to give them.

It is proper to add, that it appears from a letter of General Irvine of the twenty-seventh of October, that some other expences have been lately incurred for the defence of the frontiers. An object of much greater moment, mentioned in a following letter from the General, of the twenty-ninth, we are assured will claim your immediate and serious attention; and that is the settlements that people are now making beyond the Ohio, upon lands within this State. We have conferred with Mr. Jones, who is mentioned in that letter, and desired him to attend in case you should incline to see him, as his intelligence seems to be important. As these lands constitute a fund that may contribute towards rendering justice to our deserving and suffering officers and soldiers, we apprehend the most early, vigorous and decisive measures should be adopted for preventing and removing every difficulty that may tend to obstruct or delay such a disposition of them as the interests, good faith, and honor of the Commonwealth may, in the wisdom of the Legislature, require.

JOHN DICKINSON, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, November 15th, 1782.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to present the said message to the General Assembly.

The Council resumed the consideration of the request of the General Assembly of the eleventh instant, respecting the disposal of the five thousand pounds appropriated by the late House for the defence of the frontiers, and it appears that the following orders have been drawn, vizt:

In favor of William Maclay, Esquire, for the purchase of flour and spirits, for - - - -	£	350	
In favor of William Montgomery, Esquire, for the purchase of beef and pork, for - - -		550	
In favor of William Brown, Esquire, toward the hire of horses, - - - - - - -		50	
In favor of Philip Marsteller, toward the hire of horses, - - - - - - - -		50	
In favor of John Carnaghan, Esquire, to be paid to Brigadier General Irvine, at Fort Pitt, for providing provisions, pack horses, stores, &c, for the expedition carrying on against Sandusky towns, - - - - - - - -		1,500	
In favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for paying for making up cloathing for troops going on Indian expeditions, - - - - - - -		100	
In favor of William Turnbull, for cloathing purchased for said expeditions, - - - -		713	3 0½

In favor of Colonel Lutz, for rations furnished by him to the militia called out from Berks county for frontier defence,	10	2	6
In favor of Jacob Stroud, for transportation of cloathing, blankets, arms, &c., for Captain Shrawder's company,	3		
In favor of William Grimes, for cattle purchased of him by Wm. Montgomery, Esquire, Mr. Montgomery to account,	172	1	6
In favor of John Weitzel, Esquire, to troops in Northumberland county,	239	8	4
[For which sums the gentlemen in whose favor they have been drawn, are to account, except that the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, forwarded by Mr. Carnaghan to Gen'l Irvine, which sum the Honorable Robert Morris, Esquire, Superintendant of Finance, engages to account for, agreeably to the order of the General Assembly]			
In favor of John Weitzell, Esquire, on account of provisions to be furnished to the troops in Northumberland county,	200		
In favor of William Montgomery, Esquire, for paying two months' pay to Capt'n Robinson's company of Rangers in said county,	295		
In favor of do., for paying to six months' men, raised and added to said company of Rangers, two months' pay,	252	10	
In favor of Charles Cessna, for paying two months' pay to Bedford county company of Rangers, said Cessna to account,	283		
In favor of Nehemiah Stokeley, for paying two months pay to Westmoreland county company of Rangers, said Stokely to account,	158		
In favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, for paying two months pay to Northampton county company of Rangers, said Van Campen to account,	230		
The amount of the money drawn out of the said £5000,			
	£5,156	15	4½

It appears by return, that Captain Schrawder's company consists of one Captain or Lieutenant, two Serjeants, two Corporals and thirty-one privates; that it appears by the report of Charles Cessna, Esquire, Captain Boyd's company consists of one Captain, (prisoner,) one Lieutenant, one Ensign, two Serjeants, two Corpo-

rals, and forty-five privates. Nehemiah Stokeley reports that the Westmoreland company consists of one Captain, (prisoner,) one Lieutenant, one Ensign, two Serjeants, two Corporals, and twenty privates; that Captain Hughes's company consists of one Lieutenant, one ensign; and by the report of General Potter, it appears that the six months' men, under Captain M'Grady, consisted of thirty-nine privates.

The Council took into consideration the contract for supplying the forces in Northumberland county with provisions, entered into by Colonel Hunter, on the part of the State, and John Weitzel, Esquire, and Captain Gray; and Council observing several material objections thereto, and more especially as to the time to which the contract is extended; and thereupon, entered into treaty with Mr. Weitzel for altering the contract; and it was

Agreed, That Mr. Weitzel supply the forces employed or to be employed in the county of Northumberland, with rations until the first day of July next, for which he shall be allowed ten pence per ration.

The ration to consist of

One pound of bread.
One pound of beef, or ¾th pound of pork.
One jill of whiskey.
One quart of salt, & Two quarts of vinegar, } to every hundred rations.
Eight pounds of soap, & Three pounds of candles, } to every seven hundred rations.

The rations to be delivered at Fort Rice and Captain Gray's, in Buffaloe valley, free from any cost to the State. Guards are to be furnished for conveying the provisions.

That any provisions which shall be taken or destroyed by the enemy, shall be paid for by the State; that the sum of two hundred pounds be now advanced to Mr. Weitzel, to be credited by him in the account to be rendered on the first day of July next; that payment for the provisions delivered and to be delivered before the first day of March next, to be made on the first day of March next; that payment for provisions delivered from the first day of March next till the first day of July, to be made on the first day of July next. Mr. Weitzel agrees to take the flour purchased by William Maclay, Esq're, and now in Mr. Weitzel's possession, at thirteen shillings and six pence per hundred, consisting of eighty-four hundred weight, the amount of which he is to credit the State in the account to be first delivered. The account of rations to be delivered by Mr. Weitzel, to be signed by the officer commanding at the respective posts, and countersigned by the Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland.

(Signed,) JNO. WEITZEL.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Weitzel, Esquire, for two hundred and thirty-nine pounds eighteen shillings and four pence for provisions furnished in October last to the forces in Northumberland county, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds appropriated to the defence of the frontiers.

In favor of the said John Weitzel, for two hundred pounds specie, toward the supply of the troops to be stationed in the said county, to be accounted for in his account of rations to be rendered on the first of July next, and to be paid out of the said five thousand pounds.

In favor of the said John Weitzel, for eighteen pounds four shillings specie, for the service, of thirteen militia men, for eight days, in defence of the frontiers, being militia pay, and advanced by him to them.

In favor of William Smith, for twenty-five pounds specie, in lieu of the emoluments arising from the land at the Pest-Houses, the same being leased by the General Assembly to another person.

It was agreed by the Council that the contract with William Smith, so far as relates to the Pest-Houses, and the lot adjoining, can no longer have effect; therefore,

Ordered, That Mr. Smith be informed that if he continues in the care of Mud Island and Billingsport, the use of the lands annexed to them must be considered as the full compensation for his trouble. Since, Mr. Smith being called in and informed of this order of the Council, he agreed to the same.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,	Mr. M'Dowell, and
Mr. Potter,	Mr. Van Campen.

A pass to New York by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again, was granted to Ann Bartholomew.

Passes were also granted to Daniel Long, John Henderson and Daniel Tillinghurst, to go to Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, and to return again.

The Honorable John Van Campen, Esq'r, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council, viz:

From the 8th of October till the 16th November, 1782, 40 days, a 17s. 6 per day. - - - - - - - £35

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Mr. Van Campen, for the said sum of thirty-five pounds.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Levan.

A representation from Sarah M'Donald, respecting certain traitorous intentions of her husband, Alexander M'Donald, was read; & on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Mr Osborne attended in Council and informed that the Commissioners in the dispute between this State and that of Connecticut will meet at Trenton, the court having been opened on Tuesday last.

A committee of the Honorable House of Gen'l Assembly, vizt: Mr. Joseph Montgomery, Mr. Delany, Mr. Rush, Mr. M'Pherson, and Mr. attended in Council, and requested a conference with the Council on the subject of the letter from Brigadier General Irvine, at Fort Pitt, mentioned in the latter part of the message from the Council to the General Assembly of the fifteenth instant, containing intelligence that a number of people are making settlements beyond the Ohio, upon lands within this State, and of the intention of some of them to divide the State, and form a new one, and a free conference was had accordingly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Wall, (now first returned.)
Mr. Potter,

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Isaac Anderson, for fifteen pounds, in part of his pay as Lieutenant of a company of volunteers raised in Westmoreland

county, pursuant to an order of Council of the 14th of March, 1781, for which he is to account

In favor of William Ralston, for fifteen pounds specie, in part of his pay as Ensign of said company, raised as aforesaid, for which he is to account.

In favor of John Nicholson, for twenty-five pounds specie, for contingent expences of his Comptroller General's office, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly of fourteenth instant, for which he is to account.

A pass was granted to Catharine Richards to go to New York, by way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,
Mr. M'Dowell,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Levan.

Mr. Joseph Montgomery, Mr. William Montgomery and Mr. Atlee, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council, and requested a conference with the Council, respecting the situation of the prisoners now confined in the prison ships at New York, which the Council agreed to; and after some time spent therein, the committee was furnished with a list of cloathing and other necessaries for the present relief of the said unhappy sufferers.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Tate, James Hanna, Patrick Hunter, Ann Strickland, Joshua Vanhorn, Stacey Taylor, Emon Scott, Thomas Morgan and Zephaniah Lott, for one hundred pounds specie, the reward for apprehending and securing John Tomlinson, late of Bucks county, agreeably to proclamation of Council of the twenty-fifth of October, 1781.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Levan, Mr. Wall, and Mr. Potter.

Petitions from Frederick Mourer and Philip Klein, praying remission of their fines for non-performance of their tour of militia duty on a late call of militia from the county of Berks, were read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Lieutenant of the said county.

The Honorable Major General Lincoln, Secretary at War, laid before the Board the petition of John Fishel, representing to the Secretary at War, that the said Fishel was a native of York county, in this State, and had been inveigled into the British service in the year 1771. That he was captured with General Burgoyne, and returned to his native place, married, and has several children, and prays that he may be restored to the rights and privileges of a citizen. And the said Fishel produced a certificate of his good behaviour since his return. General Lincoln informs this Board that he is ready and willing to discharge the said Fishel, if the Council should think proper to demand him as a citizen; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary at War be requested to discharge John Fishel, and permit him to return to the duties of a citizen, on his producing a certificate of his having taken the oath of allegiance to the State required by law.

The petition of Francis Hutchinson, late of the State of New Jersey, praying a passport to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioner, with his recommendation, be referred to the Executive of the State of New Jersey.

Ordered, That a pass to New Jersey be granted to the said Francis Hutchinson.

A pass was granted to Philip Newcomer, to go to the State of North Carolina and to return again, with a waggon and four horses.

Two deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Joseph Dean, for divers city lots, sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, vizt:

One of them for lots numbered from 1281 to 1286. Consideration one hundred and eighty-four pounds.

One other numbered from 1429 to 1434. Consideration one hundred and eighty-one pounds.

Both which sums the said Joseph Dean hath paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the twenty first instant.

The President laid before the Board the draft of a proclamation, which being read, was agreed to, and is in the words following, vizt:

By the President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

As the greatest and best of Beings commanded mankind into existence, with a capacity for happiness, bestowing upon him understanding and many good gifts, so when they by an abuse of the blessings thus intrusted, had involved themselves in guilt and misery, his compassion was extended towards them, and in "his tender mercies," not only seed time, and harvest, and cold, and heat, and summer, and winter, and day, and night, were continued unto them, but the "eternal purposes" were revealed, and the heavenly treasuries opened to restore the human race to the transcendent privileges from which by transgression they were fallen; and in "this marvellous work," the laws of righteousness have been with such infinite wisdom adjusted and united in the obligations of nature, that while they jointly tend to promote the filicity of men in a future state, they evidently co-operate to advance their welfare in the present, and to offend against the sanctions of revolution or the dictates of reason and conscience, is assuredly to betray the joys of this life as well as those of another: Wherefore, we are entirely persuaded that just impressions of the Deity are the great supports of morality; and as the experience of ages demonstrates that regularity of manners is essential to the tranquility and prosperity of societies, and the assistance of the Almighty, on which we rely to establish the estimable blessings our afflicted country is contending for, cannot be expected without an observance of his holy laws.

We esteem it our principal and indispensable duty to endeavour, as much as we can, that a sense of these interesting truths may prevail in the hearts and appear in the lives of the inhabitants of this State, and therefore have thought proper to issue this proclamation, sincerely desiring that they, seriously meditating on the many signal and unmeritted benefits of public and private import, conferred upon them, the affecting invitations and munificent promises of Divine goodness, and the terrors set in array against the disobedient, may be urged to exert themselves in avoiding, discounte-

nancing, and suppressing all vice, prophaneness, and immorality; and feeling a due gratitude, love, and veneration, for their most gracious, all-wise, and omnipotent Benefactor, Sovereign, and Judge, and a correspondent temper of resignation to the dispensations of his Supreme Government, may become a people "trusting in Him in whom they live and move," and doing good: And to the intent that these desirable ends may be forwarded, all persons are hereby exhorted to observe the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, and thereon constantly to attend the worship of God, as a service pleasing to Him "who is a hearer of prayer," and condescends to inhabit the praises of his people, and profitably to themselves—a neglect of which duty has, in a multitude of instances, been the beginning of a deviation into the ways of presumption, that at length have led into the deepest distresses and severest sorrows.

And as the education of youth is of so much moment to themselves and to the Commonwealth, which cannot flourish unless that important point be diligently regarded, the sentiments, dispositions, and habits, being then generally formed that pervade the rest of their lives, all parents, guardians, masters, and tutors, are hereby strenuously called upon to discharge the high trust committed to them, and for which they must account by a faithful attention, that those under their care may be nurtured in piety, filial reverence, submission to superiors in age or station, modesty, sincerity, benevolence, temperance, industry, consistency of behaviour, and a frugality regulated by an humble reliance on Providence, and a kind respect for others, that their inexperienced minds may be, by wholesome instructions, fully convinced that whatsoever employment they are designed for, virtue will be a chief promotor of success, and irregularity of conduct the greatest obstacle to it; that the intellectual faculties are aided by moral improvement, but weakened by illicit courses; and in brief, that religion is the friend of their peace, health, and happiness; and that to displease their Maker, or to trespass against their neighbours, is inevitably to injure themselves; and we expect, and hereby require, that all well-disposed persons, and especially those in place of authority, will, by their conversation and demeanor, encourage and promote piety and virtue, and to contribute to the rendering these qualities truly laudable and honorable, and the contrary practices justly shameful and contemptible; that thus the influence of good men and the dignity of the laws may be combined in suppressing the insolencies of scorners and profligates, in directing the weak and thoughtless, and in preserving them from the pernicious contagion of evil examples.

And for further promoting such reformation, it is hereby enjoined that all Magistrates, and others whom it may concern, be very vigilant and exact in discovering, prosecuting, and punishing all persons who are guilty of prophanation of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, blasphemy, prophane swearing or cursing, drunkenness, lewdness, or other dissolute or immoral practices; that they

suppress all gaming houses and other disorderly houses; that they put in execution the act of General Assembly entitled "An Act for the suppression of vice and immorality," and all other laws now in force for the punishing vice, prophaneness, and immorality: And for the more effectual proceeding herein, all Judges and Justices having cognizance in the premises, are directed to give strict charges at their courts and sessions for the due prosecution and punishment of all who shall presume to offend in any of the kinds aforesaid, and also all such as, contrary to their duty, shall be remiss or negligent in putting the laws in execution; and that they do, at their respective courts and sessions, cause this proclamation to be publicly read immediately before the charge is given. And every Minister of the Gospel is requested strongly to inculcate in the respective congregations where they officiate, a love of piety and virtue, and an abhorrence of vice, prophaneness, and immorality.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—TIMOTHY MATLACK, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That the said proclamation be published.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 22, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Potter.

On consideration,

Ordered, That David Kennedy, Esquire, Secretary of the Land Office, be authorised and directed to wait on Benjamin Chew and Joseph Turner, Esquires, and demand and receive from them, or either of them, in the name of the State, divers deeds and papers in their possession, or one of them, belonging to the Land Office of the late Province, now State of Pennsylvania, pursuant to act of General Assembly passed the twenty-seventh of November, 1779, entituled "An Act for vesting the estates of the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in the Commonwealth."

Sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the twenty-first instant, were received and read, on the message from Council of the fifteenth, vizt: directing the Comptroller General to settle with the Superintendant of Finance the quantities of specific supplies for which this State is to obtain credit, referring the accounts of the State Treasurer for the current year, together with the Comptroller General's report thereon, to the Committee of Accounts. That the House approve the order of Council for enlisting the eighteen months' men during the war, and authorising Council to apply sundry balances of accounts respecting the defence of the frontiers to the payment of such accounts as to them shall seem expedient.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be filed.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Henry Osborne, Esquire, for fifty-one pounds six shillings and six pence, for expences in going to New York and Connecticut States, to procure documents relative to the dispute between the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

In favor of Major General Potter, for eighty-two pounds five shillings and three pence specie, in full of his service as Major General of the militia from the sixteenth of September till tenth of October, 1782, inclusive.

In favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for seventy-six pounds seventeen shillings and two pence specie, in full for his salary as Vice President for the last year, and his mileage.

In favor of Messrs. Daniel Montgomery and Daniel Rees, for four hundred pounds five shillings and ten pence, for rations furnished to Captain Robinson's company and others stationed in Northumberland county, in July, August, and September last.

In favor of said Montgomery and Rees, for fifty-one pounds and ten pence, for rations furnished to militia and volunteers stationed in the said county from May to June, 1782, inclusive.

In favor of Captain Joseph Greer, for ten pounds four shillings and nine pence, for pay of himself and his party, employed in defence of Northumberland county, in May last.

To be paid out of the £5,000 appropriated to the defence of the frontiers.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 23, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. Levan.
Mr. McDowell,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Brown, Esquire, for two hundred and forty pounds ten and eleven pence specie, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds specie appropriated for the frontier defence, being the balance of his account of rations furnished to militia, and others, in Cumberland county.

Also, in favor of Lieutenant Moses Van Camp, of (Captain Thomas Robinson's company of Rangers, in Northumberland county, and lately returned from captivity,) for twenty-five pounds, in part of his pay.

A pass was granted to Rebecca Young to go to New York, by way of Dobbs' ferry, not to return again.

A pass was granted to Ester Ham to go to New York and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 25, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. McDowell.
Mr. Levan,

A letter from Joseph Reed, Esquire, one of the Agents of the State on the Connecticut claim, was read, giving an account of the state of the trial, and requesting the Indian deeds for land purchased by the Proprietaries within the State of Pennsylvania. The President informed the Council that the Indian deeds had been delivered up by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, and that he had examined them, and found all the deeds which could in any wise relate to the controversy between this State and Connecticut. That he had obtained the loan of a duplicate of the charter granted by Charles the Second to William Penn, certified under the Great Seal of England, which he had engaged to return again after the trial;

Ordered, That the Indian deeds be delivered to Mr. Osborne, Solicitor, and that he give his receipt for the same to the Secretary of the Land Office; that Mr. Kennedy do also give a receipt for the same as soon as may be.

Memo. No. 37, wanting deed of pre-emption

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A draft of a message from Council to the General Assembly, was laid before the Board, and read, and is in the following words, vizt:

A Message from the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth:

GENTLEMEN:—Doubts have arisen concerning the powers of the Commissioners for the several counties of the State, to raise and levy the sum of ninety three thousand six hundred and forty pounds ten shillings, in pursuance of the supplement to the act entitled "An Act for funding and redeeming the bills of credit of the United States of America, and providing means to bring the present war to a happy conclusion," without an assessment made for that purpose. It appears to us that an act should be passed at the present sessions confirming the proceedings of Commissioners, where they have been already had without such assessment, and authorizing others who have not yet acted thereupon, to proceed on the last assessment made for raising and levying effective supplies for the year. To prevent future difficulties, it may be proper also to provide that the Commissioners for every county shall in their proceedings to raise and levy the annual sum before mentioned, as long as the same is by law to be raised and levied, be hereafter guided by the last preceding assessment that shall have been made for levying, raising, and effecting supplies.

By the letter from the Commissioners of the twenty-second instant, and the inclosures, you will perceive that a matter is in agitation that may affect the revenue and peace of the State. We can only say that we shall heartily rejoice if the Legislature can possibly devise a mode of affording some kind of satisfaction to many worthy fellow citizens in the same situation. We have repeated applications by persons who are sued for debts contracted on the public account. We apprehend that some of them will be very severely and improperly distressed if a law is not soon made for their relief. It appears by the letter from the Treasurer for this county, now sent, that there is no fund for paying the pensions therein mentioned. We trust the peculiar circumstances of the pensioners will recommend their case in the liveliest manner to your Honorable House. The excise law seems to be deficient in

not directing the Justices to make any returns of their proceedings for forfeitures and offences immediately after they are had, either to the Treasurer of the county or of the State.

JOHN DICKINSON, President.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, November 25, 1782.

And the same being considered and approved,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to present the said message to the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 26, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Wall, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Levan, and Mr. Potter.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account

In favor of Lieutenant Moses Van Campen, of Captain Robinson's company of Rangers in Northumberland county, and lately returned from captivity, for ten pounds specie, in part of his pay, for which he is to account, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds appropriated for the defence of the frontiers.

Petition of Daniel Hoge was read, stating that he had conveyed a piece of land to the Commissioners appointed to build a Court House and Prison in Washington county, &c., and praying the said Commissioners may be ordered to report their proceedings as soon as may be to this Board.

Passes were granted to Jannet Annan to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again; and to Frances McAuley and Elihu Briddle, and with permission to return.

Petitions of John Shaw, John Harkins, John Fell, and John Johnston, praying to be allowed for their services in apprehending and securing Levi Dean, of Bucks county, were read; and

Ordered, That the same be referred to the General Assembly.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 27, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Wall,

His Excellency the President laid before the Board a "Journal of the Congress at Fort Stanwix, in the year 1768," which Samuel Wharton, Esquire, had this day put into his hands, to be returned to him immediately after the trial between this State and the State of Connecticut shall be ended.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to give a receipt for the same.

A pass was granted to Mary Goforth to go to New York, by way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 29, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. Potter.

The petition of Ralph Williamson, convicted in the county of Bucks, of a misdemeanor, praying remission of his fine, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Ralph Williamson, be remitted.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Levan.

A Commission was issued to William Bradford, Junior, Joseph Reed, James Wilson, and Jonathan Dickinson, Sergeant, Esquires,

constituting and appointing them Counsellors and Agents, and Henry Osborne, Esquire, Solicitor and Agent, in the cause now depending before the Honorable Court appointed by Congress, pursuant to the ninth article of the Confederation of the United States, between the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Ordered, That David Forst, Esquire, of the county of Bucks, be appointed Agent for Forfeited Estates in the said county, to act in conjunction with the Honorable George Wall, Junior, Esquire, the present Agent of that county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esq'r, Attorney General, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for defraying in part the pay of the Commissioners in the controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, and other contingent expences touching the execution of the said commission, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth instant.

In favor of David Deshler, Esquire, for the sum of four hundred pounds specie, on the said Treasurer, to be paid by the Treasurer of the county of Northampton, out of monies he may receive on account of effective supplies for 1781, being in full of his account for provisions furnished to the militia, and his pay as Commissary in the year 1777, as settled by the Comptroller General, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly of this day.

A pass was granted to George Rappall, Joseph Swert, Benjamin Burrell and Samuel Grant, to go to Newberry Port, in New England, not to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 2, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,		Mr. Piper,
	Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. Potter, and
	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to call upon General St. Clair, and request he will make a return to Council with all convenient dispatch, of the promotions that ought to take place in the line of this State, conformably to the resolution of Congress of the twentieth of last month.

Ordered, That David Rittenhouse, Esquire, State Treasurer, be directed to pay to his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President of this Board, one hundred and fifty pounds for the necessary repairs in and about the Government mansion-house, agreeably to

resolution of General Assembly of the twentieth instant, for which the said President is to account.

This being the day assigned for the meeting of the Board of Property, his Excellency the President and the Honorable Mr. Irvine agreed to meet the other members of the said Board at four o'clock this afternoon.

A pass was granted to Margaret M'Connel to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

The Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, presented to the Board an account for his attendance in Council from the first of October to the thirtieth of November, 1782, inclusive, 61 days @ 17s 6 per day, £53 7 6.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for fifty-three pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of the said account.

The petition of Jacob Grove and Christian Grove, convicted of harboring and aiding British prisoners to escape, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Lancaster the eighteenth day of October, 1782, and sentenced each to pay the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, were read, praying remission of the same; and the said Jacob Grove and Christian Grove being recommended to this Board by the Judges of the Supreme Court, and a number of the inhabitants of the county of Lancaster; on consideration,

Ordered, That two third parts of the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Jacob Grove and Christian Grove, be remitted.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the said Samuel Wharton and Richard Peters, Esquires, and request their attendance at Trenton, to give evidence on behalf of Pennsylvania, on the controversy between the State of Pennsylvania and the State of Connecticut, and that he also request Mr. Wharton to take with him a copy of the treaty of Fort Stanwix.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 3, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Potter, and
Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr. Piper.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to return to the Honorable Samuel Wharton the copy of the treaty of Fort Stanwix, and take up his receipts.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 4, 1782.

PRESENT :

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Potter,
	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Piper, and
	Mr. M'Dowell,	Mr Levan.

A return of the general election for the county of Washington was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt :

Representatives.

Matthew Ritchie and William M'Cleery.

Sheriffs.

Van Swearingen & Andrew Swearingen.

Coroners.

William M'Farland and John Marshall.

Commissioner.

George M'Cormick.

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That Van Swearingen, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff of the county of Washington, and that William M'Farland be appointed Coroner of the said county, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Van Swearingen, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Washington, offers Matthew Ritchie and John Cornaghan, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff of the said county, according to law, which this Council approve.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

A pass was granted to Barbara Bendelow, to go to New York and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 5th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan,
Mr. Wall, Mr. Potter, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Piper.

A pass was granted to Jacob Kechler and William Jordan, to go to New London and to return again.

A pass was granted to Garret Cottinger, to go to the city of New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Carnaghan, for eight pounds ten shillings, out of the five thousand pounds appropriated for the defence of the frontiers, for his expences in conveying fifteen hundred pounds to Fort Pitt, and a small deficiency in the money received at the Bank.

In favor of Messieurs Hazlewood and Blackston, for twenty-six pounds two shillings and five pence, for rations supplied to three officers and seven men of the State Navy, employed at Billingsport and Mud Island, from the twenty-seventh of September, till the twenty first of December, 1781.

In favor of John Hazlewood, for four pounds twelve shillings and two pence, for expences and commissions in removing and selling two large kettles, which had been used at the fire raft-yard in 1776, and bought in.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 6, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Levan.
Mr. Potter,

A letter from William Montgomery, Esquire, to General Potter, inclosing an account of the weight of seventy cattle, sold by him to John Hazlewood, Esquire, amounting to seventeen thousand five hundred and thirty-seven weight, at thirty-seven shillings and six pence per hundred weight, is three hundred and twenty-eight

pounds sixteen shillings and four pence one-half penny, being read; thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Hazlewood be desired to pay the said sum into the hands of David Rittenhouse, Esquire, taking his receipt for the same.

A return of an election for the county of Chester, in the room of Thomas Moffat, representative in the General Assembly, was received and read, by which it appears that John Hannums was duly elected.

Ordered, That the said return be sent into the General Assembly.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Frederick Sneider, for seventeen pounds seventeen shillings, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper, till the thirtieth of November last, and sundry small expences.

In favor of Steiner and Cist, for four pounds five shillings specie, for printing one thousand resolves of Council, in January, 1781.

In favor of Thomas Ravenscrapt, for fifteen pounds specie, to be charged to the account of Captain Thomas Stokely, in part of his pay as a Captain of a company of Rangers on the western frontiers, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds appropriated to the defence of the frontiers.

The Board taking into consideration the completing three regiments of Infantry in this State, for the continental service the ensuing campaign, agreeably to the representation of the Secretary of War of the seventh of November last,

Resolved, That this State will complete the said three regiments by the opening of the campaign.

A petition from Assheton Humphreys, praying to be appointed Notary and Tabellion Public in this State, was read, together with a recommendation in his favor; thereupon,

Ordered, That Assheton Humphreys be appointed a Notary and Tabellion Public in this State, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

Petitions from Carolina Young and Catharine Bieler, for passes to go to New York, were read and dismissed.

A representation from the Commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, proposing the sale of the ship Hyder Ally, in order to enable them to build in the course of the winter a vessel of more suitable construction; and informing that they had nearly equipped an armed schooner for defending the bay and river, and recommending John Sneider as a proper person to command her; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Council approve of the commissioners selling the Hyder Ally, provided she will sell for a price equal to or near her value, and that the commissioners be authorized to sell her accordingly.

Ordered, That John Sneider be appointed to command the armed schooner afs'd.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write a letter to his Excellency General Washington, requesting him to procure an other passport for the flag vessel fitting out for New York, for the relief of the prisoners belonging to this State, as it is highly probable that Captain Kemp will be prevented from taking command of the said flag.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to call on Messrs. Dunlap and Bailey, printers, and procure for each member of Council one copy of the new edition of the Laws and Minutes of the General Assembly.

A return of Justices for the county of Bedford was received and read, by which it appears that Bernard Dougherty and Henry Wertz were duly elected. On consideration,

Ordered, That Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace in the county of Bedford, and commissioned accordingly.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, be appointed President of the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas and Orphans' Court of the county of Bedford, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

Saturday, December 7th, and Monday, December 9th, } No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 10, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. McDowall, Mr. Levan, Mr. Piper, and Mr. Potter.

The Council resumed the consideration of the complaints of John Buyers and Christian Gettig, Esquires, against Matthew Smith, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Council will proceed on Monday, the twenty-seventh of January next, to hear the said complainants on the charges of misbehaviour in his office and irregularity of behaviour.

Ordered, That the depositions of witnesses taken in the presence of John Buyers and Christian Getting, Esquires, or either of them, and of Matthew Smith, Esquire, before some Justice or Justices, to be by them mutually agreed on, be admitted at the hearing.

Ordered, That notice of the foregoing order be sent to the said Buyers and Getting and Mr. Smith, by General Potter, now going into the county of Northumberland.

The Secretary reports that he had delivered to the Honorable Samuel Wharton, Esquire, the journal of the Congress held in Albany, in the year 1768; Mr. Wharton proposing to set out this day for Trenton, to give evidence in the cause now in hearing between this State and the State of Connecticut.

Isaac Howell and Samuel Wetherill, Jun'r, executors of James Young, Esquire, attended in Council, praying to be heard respecting the account settled by the Comptroller General, and approved by the Council, and they were heard accordingly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel Wharton, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, to be by him paid to William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General, towards defraying the half part of the pay of the Commissioners in the controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, and other contingent expences touching the execution of the said commission, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly of the sixth ultimo, for which the said Attorney General is to account.

The Honorable James Potter, Esquire, presented to the Board the following account for his attendance in Council:

From the ninth of November till the eleventh of December, 1782, inclusive, 33 days, a 17s 6, - -	£28 17 6
Mileage, coming to Philadelphia and going home, 300 miles, a 8d, - - - - - -	7 10
	£36 7 6

And thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable James Potter, Esquire, for thirty-six pounds seven shillings and six pence, amount of the foregoing account.

A pass to Boston was granted to Gilbert Dubois, Edmund Duncan, and John Thomas, and William Jipson, a servant.

A pass to Boston was granted to Philip Fritz, Peter Adams, Patrick McCarty, and Robert Wright, with three teams, loaded with cordage and hemp.

The report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of Brigadier General Irvine, for his pay and rations while a prisoner with the enemy, was read; and the same was approved.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 11, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Levan, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Piper.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write to the captains of each of the ranging companies in this State, requiring them to make monthly returns to Council of the state of their companies respectively.

A pass was granted to Ann Richie to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

A pass was granted Monsieur De Goutheire to go to New Orleans, by the way of Fort Pitt, and to return again.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Piper, Esq'r, to be by him paid to Thomas Cummins, for carriage of cloathing for Captain Boyd's company of Rangers, from Philadelphia to Shippensburgh

The report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of Stephen Balliott, for rations furnished to the militia of the county of Northampton, employed on the frontiers in August, September, and October last, was read and approved.

The petition of Edward Stiles, praying the aid of this Board for the recovery of divers negroes and other property taken from him in the year 1778, by Messieurs Lollar, Smith, and Dean, Commissioners for seizing of the property of persons adhering to the enemy, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed, as not proper for the determination of the Council.

Petitions of John Johnston and George Grover, setting forth their claims on the forfeited estate of William Bell, and praying some relief, was read.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to write to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Philadelphia, to enquire the situation of William Bell's estate, and report to Council thereon.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 12, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. McDowell,	Mr. Piper.

Orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. William Smith, for five pounds nineteen shillings and eleven pence specie, and two pounds one shilling and two pence State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for taxes paid by him for the land at Billingsport, and for glass for windows at Mud Island Fort, as the same is reported by the Comptroller General.

A letter from the War Office, of the eleventh instant, was read.

Ordered, That a copy of the same be sent to Colonel Humpton.

A pass was granted to John Rice, of the Delaware State, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 13th, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Levan, and
Mr. McDowell,	Mr. Potter.

A petition of James Lees, late a Captain of Artillery, was read, praying a settlement of his recruiting account.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Comptroller General.

The Honorable the Chief Justice laid before the Board the case of Enos Tyson.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That the said case be referred to the Chief Justice to take order thereupon.

The petition of Thomas Stites, convicted in the county of Philadelphia of selling spirituous liquors by the small measure without licence, praying remission of his fine, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Thomas Stites be remitted.

The petition of the widow Hartman, of the county of Northampton, setting forth that her son enlisted with Captain Philip Schrawder, in his corps of Rangers, in the said county, and praying a discharge for her son, on condition that she procure an able-bodied man to serve in his stead, was read; & thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary write to Captain Schrawder and inform him that Council have no objection to his discharging the son of the said widow Hartman, on his receiving an able-bodied man in his stead.

A letter from the Commissioners for the river defence, of this day, was received and read, acquainting the Board that, agreeably to permission of Council, they had exposed to sale the ship Hyder Ally; but there being no disposition in any of the bidders to give near the value of her, they had purchased her in for the State.

Ordered, To be filed.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of William Crispin, Esquire, Collector of Excise for the city and county of Philadelphia, stating the balance due to the State to be three thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine pounds one shilling and two pence halfpenny, was read and approved, so far as relates to the said balance, and leaving the account open for such further charge as may hereafter appear to be just; and thereupon,

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Comptroller General to take the proper measures to obtain the sums due to the State.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Wilkinson, Esquire, conveying a tract or piece of land, situate in Bensalem township, in the county of Bedford, containing four hundred and forty-four acres and thirteen perches: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the forfeited estate of Joseph Galloway, an attainted traitor, for and during the term of his natural life, for the sum of four thousand and six hundred pounds Continental money, which sum the said James Wilkinson hath paid to the Agents of Confiscated Estates in the said county. Deed dated the

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In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 14, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Levan, Mr. McDowell, and
Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 16, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Levan.

The petition of William Tanner and Jane his wife, convicted of harbouring negro Lilly, a felon, and receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Lancaster, held at Lancaster the first Tuesday in August last, was read, praying a pardon for the said offence: And they being recommended by two of the Justices of the said court and the person from whom the said goods were stolen; on consideration,

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said William Tanner and Jane his wife, be remitted, and that they be discharged from confinement on paying their fees and the costs of prosecution.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds, in part of his salary as Judge in the Court of Admiralty and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State, for which he is to account.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 17, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. McDowell, Mr. Piper.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 18, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. Piper, Mr. McDowell.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 19, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. McDowell, and
Mr. Piper, Mr. Levan.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 20, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Levan.

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Mahlin Dunn; and thereupon,

Ordered, That he be discharged from confinement, on payment of fees and the costs of prosecution, and that a pardon be granted to him on his producing to this Board a copy of the record of his conviction.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Bradford, Jun'r Esquire, Attorney General of the State, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, towards defraying the half-part of the pay of the commissioners in the controversy between the State of Pennsylvania and the State of Connecticut, and other contingent expences touching the execution of the said commission, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth of November last, for which the Attorney General is to account.

The Honorable John M'Dowell, Esquire, presented to the Board an account of his attendance in Council from the second of November till the twenty-second of December, 1782, inclusive, 51 days, @ 17s 6, - - - - - - - - - - - £44 12 6
Mileage on 45 miles, coming to Philad'a and going home, @ s6, - - - - - - - - - - 2 5

£46 17 6

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John M'Dowell, Esquire, for the sum of forty-six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, amount of the said account.

The petition of John Thompson, convicted of two misdemeanors, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held at Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster, the fourteenth of May last, was read, praying a pardon; a recommendation from two of the Judges of the said Court being also read and considered.

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Thompson, be remitted, and that he be discharged from confinement on payment of fees and the costs of prosecution.

Petitions from Nicholas Cline and George Bough, convicted, each of them, of a misdemeanor, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held at Lancaster the fifteenth day of October last, was read, praying a pardon; a recommendation from the said Judges and Jurors being also read and considered; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Nicholas Cline and George Bough be remitted, and that they be discharged from their confinement, on payment of fees and the costs of prosecution.

A letter from the Commissioners of taxes of the city and county of Philadelphia, of the nineteenth instant, was read, on the subject of supply tax for the year 1781, and class tax, in answer to the circular letter from this Board.

Ordered, That the Secretary call on Mr. Rittenhouse, and enquire how much of the money arising from the class tax is now in his hands.

A letter from James Gordon, a Major in the Eighth British regiment, now at Lancaster, of the sixteenth instant, was read, requesting this Board to order some enquiry to be made concerning certain goods seized by William Henry at that place.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to William Henry, Esquire, to obtain information on that subject.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 21, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Piper.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 23, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irwine, Mr. Levan, and
Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Wall, (now first returned.)
Mr. Piper,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of ten pounds specie, for contingent expences of his office of Comptroller General, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly of the fourteenth of November last.

One other was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred pounds State money of the seventh of April, 1761, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, according to act of General Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April last, for which the Comptroller General is to account.

A letter from Samuel Sterret, of the twentieth of December instant, requesting copies of the acts of Council assigning lands for the use and support of the University of Pennsylvania; and also that the same may be exemplified under the State seal, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said request be complied with.

A return of Justices for the district of Springfield and Haycock townships, in the county of Bucks, was read, by which it appears that John Barclay and William Harning were duly elected.

On consideration,

Ordered, That John Barclay, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bucks; and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A petition from Caspar Stoever, in behalf of his brother, Frederick Stoever, convicted of larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster, the first Tuesday in November last, was read, praying a pardon for the said offence.

A recommendation from the Speaker of the General Assembly was also read, together with a recommendation from divers Justices of the said Court, and a number of respectable inhabitants of the said county; whereupon,

The Council having considered his case,

Ordered, That the said Frederick Stoever be pardoned.

A letter from Gabriel Blakeney, at Fort Pitt, of the first instant, was read, proposing to the Council to raise a company of men for

the Continental service, and to pay them the bounty, provided the State will engage to repay him at a future day, and praying to be appointed to the command of the said company when raised. On consideration,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to inform the said Mr. Blakeney that the Council approve his spirited proposal, but cannot comply with his request.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 24, 1782.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McDowell, and
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Piper.

The Council taking into consideration "a return of the promo-"tions that ought to take place previous to the first day of January "next, in the different corps of this State, conformably to the re-"solve of Congress of the twentieth of last month, signed by Ar-"thur St. Clair, Major General,"

Ordered, That conformably to the said report, the following promotions be made:

ARTILLERY.

NAME.	RANK—HOW ENTITLED.	DATE.
Andrew Potter,	To be Lieu-Col, vice Lieu-Col. Forrest, resigned,	Jan'y 1, 1782.
James Proctor,	Major—Porter promoted,	do. do.
James M'Clure,	Captain, brought up by the resig'n of Col'l Proctor,	April 19, 1781.
William Power,	Captain, by Maj. Craiss' promotion,	Oct'r 7, do.
Thomas Douglass,	do. by dismiss'n of Capt. Duffey,	do. 12, do.
William Martin,	do. by Cap. Proctor's prom'n,	Jan'y 1, 1782.
Joseph Asheton,	Cap-Lieu't, by Cap. McClure's prom'n,	Ap'l 19, 1781.
Samuel Doty,	do. by Power's prom'n,	Oct. 7, do.
John B. Webster,	do. by Douglass' prom'n,	do. 12, do.
Robert Parker,	Cap Lieu't, by Cap. L't. Story's death,	Oct'r 4, 1782.
Ezekiel Howell,	1st Lieu't, by the arrangement of 1781,	Jan'y 1, 1781.
Henry Green,	do. by do.	do. do.
Robert Porter,	do. do.	2, do.
*James Gamble,	2nd April 1st, 1782,	Ap'l 1, 1782.
John Humphereys,	do.	
John Van Court,	do. April 2d, 1782,	Ap'l 2, 1782.
	Third Regiment.	
John Bush,	Captain, vice Cap. Henderson, resigned,	May 12, 1779.
	Fifth Regiment.	
John Gilchrist,	Lieu't, vice Ephraim Douglass do.	Aug. 23, 1782.
	Sixth Regiment.	
Sankey Dixon,	Lieu't,	May 16, 1781.

It appears that no return has been received by Major General St. Clair of the Cavalry, or of the first and fourth regiments, and therefore, these corps must remain for future arrangement.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington of the sixteenth instant, being now received, was read, inclosing a passport dated the twelfth instant, from Admiral Digby, for a flag of truce to be sent to New York, for the relief of the prisoners there belonging to this State. On consideration,

Ordered, That the Commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, be required to procure a suitable vessel for the purpose mentioned in the said passport, and purchase and lade on board her two hundred barrels of flour, and one hundred bushels of potatoes, filling up the vacancies in storage with fire-wood, on the most reasonable terms, and report to this Board.

Ordered, That the said Commissioners be repaid by the State the amount of the purchase of the foregoing articles, as soon as they shall lay before the Board an account thereof.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Thomas Henderson, to go to Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to John Rainey to go into New York, (by the way of Dobbs' Ferry,) and from thence to Ireland, and to return again, by the way of Holland or France.

The petition of Mark Groves, of the county of Lancaster, convicted of three misdemeanors at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, held at Lancaster the fifteenth day of October last, was read, praying a pardon. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fines due to the State and the corporal punishment, be remitted.

The petition of Christian Martin, convicted of a misdemeanor at the said court, was read, praying a pardon. Thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and the corporal punishment, be remitted.

The petition of Peter Summey, convicted of a misdemeanor at the said court, was read, praying a pardon. Thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and the corporal punishment, be remitted.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital for nursing and boarding divers lunatics, late soldiers belonging to the Pennsylvania line, was read and approved; the same to be deducted out of the ten thousand pounds lent to the hospital on the twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Petitions from a number of the militia belonging to the second and ninth battalions, in the county of Lancaster, setting forth that they have not received pay for their services in the militia, and praying that the Sub-Lieutenants may be directed to put in force the militia law against all delinquents.

Ordered, That the said petitions be sent to the Lieutenant of the said county, and that he be directed to enforce the militia law against delinquents, in order that the petitioners may be paid for their services.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 26, 1782, }
At the Mansion House. }

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Wall, and
Mr. Levan, Mr. Piper.

A letter from the Attorney General, dated Trenton, Dec'r 25th, 1782, was read, informing that argument before the court sitting there was closed by Mr. Reed on the twenty-fourth, in the evening, and requesting a further sum of money for defraying the expences; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Osborne, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, to be paid by him to William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General of this State, towards defraying the expences of the Agents and Solicitor in the controversy between the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth of November last, for which the Attorney General is to account.

An account examined and certified by the Comptroller General, was read, by which it appears that there is due to Andrew Boyd, Waggon Master of the county of Chester, the sum of thirty-two pounds, for his services and expences, and for Assistant Waggon Masters, and the same was approved.

A letter from Ezekiel Robins, dated New York, December the seventeenth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was read, by which it appears that he is willing to undertake to conduct the provisions intended for the relief of our naval prisoners there, and that he had purchased a number of blankets for their present relief.

On consideration, the Council approve of Mr. Robins' conduct in purchasing the blankets.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 27, 1782. } At the Mansion House. }

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Levan, Mr. Wall.

A letter from Robert R. Livingston, Esquire, dated the twenty-third of December instant, inclosing a copy of the commission granted by the King of Great Britain to Richard Oswald, Esquire, to treat, dated September the twenty-first, 1782, both which were read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

Ordered, That instructions be given to John Kemp, Esquire, to receive on Board the sloop Cohansey, two hundred barrels of flour, and one hundred bushels of potatoes, and the necessary tonnage, and proceed with her immediately to New York, as a flag, and report himself to Admiral Digby, and that he deliver his cargo, with the tonnage, to Mr. Ezekiel Robins, of the said city, and immediately return to this city.

Ordered, That the passport from Admiral Digby, for the said Flag, together with a passport from this Board, be now delivered to Captain Kemp.

Ordered, That Mr. Ezekiel Robins, of New York, be instructed to receive from Capt'n Kemp his cargo of flour, potatoes and tonnage, for the relief of the prisoners belonging to this State. That he be requested to sell one hundred and fifty barrels of the flour, for the best price he can obtain, and apply the proceeds in paying for the cloathing already purchased, procuring such further supplies as the above described prisoners stand in need of, and in suitable supplies for necessaries for such of them as may be sick on board of the Hospital Ship, the remaining fifty barrels to be delivered to the prisoners at the rate of four pounds per man, either baked or unbaked, at their option. That he apply the tonnage as firewood, in the manner most advantageous to the prisoners. That he deliver the potatoes to the prisoners in such quantities and at such times as he, in his discretion, may think most proper.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 28, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. Levan.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 30, 1782.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. Levan.

No Council.

In Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 31, 1782. } At the Mansion House. }

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable Mr. Irvine, Mr. Piper, and
Mr. Wall, Mr. Levan.

Ordered, That the Honorable Major General Lincoln, Esquire, Secretary at War, be requested to issue commissions according to the promotions made by this Board on the twenty-fourth instant, in the Artillery regiment, and third, fifth, and sixth regiments, belonging to the line of this State.

Petitions of Sarah Bonsall and Jane Heater, praying permission from this Board to pass into the city of New York, not to return again, were read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That passes be granted to the said Sarah Bonsall and Jane Heater, to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, not to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Sebastian Levan, John Piper, } Esquires.

A petition from Thomas Stokely and John Boyd, Esquires, Captains of two of the Ranging companies on the western frontiers of this State, setting forth that they have just returned from captivity, intirely destitute of money, and almost so of clothing, and praying some relief from this Board, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Thomas Stokely and John Boyd, for the sum of fifty pounds specie each, in part of their pay, for which they respectively are to account.

The petition of Colonel John Huber and others, officers of the ninth battalion of militia in the county of Lancaster, setting forth that they have not received any pay for their services in the militia, and that the fines upon delinquents, from which they should receive payment, have not been duly collected, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be forwarded to the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, and that he be directed to cause all outstanding fines to be speedily collected, in order that the petitioners may be paid for their services.

A petition from Martin Miller, praying a passport to the city of New York, with permission to bring his family from thence, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Sebastian Levan, John Piper, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of

April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line.

In favour of Frederick Sneyder, for fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence and one-half penny, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper till the thirty-first of December, 1782, and cash paid for sundry articles for the use of this Council.

In favour of Patrick Flanaghan, for twenty-two pounds ten shillings specie, for one thousand rails delivered to William Smith, at Billingsport, for the purpose of fencing that place.

Ordered, That Mr. William Smith be informed that the Council expect in future he will state an account of all expenditures under his direction, and attend the settlement of it in person.

The accounts of Valentine Eckhart, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Berks, were presented to the Board, together with the Comptroller General's report thereon; which being read, were approved, so far as the same agree with the said report.

The accounts of William Scott, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of York, were laid before the Board, and a report from the Comptroller General thereon, which were read and approved, so far as the said accounts agree with the said report.

The report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of John Sigfriedt, late Sheriff of the county of Northampton, was read and approved.

The report of the said Comptroller General on the account of Major William Bailey, of York county, for camp kettles furnished to the militia in 1776, was read and approved,

Ordered, That passes be granted to Benjamin Davis, Junior, and Joseph Westmore, of this city, to go to Elizabethtown in the State of New Jersey, and to return.

Henry Osborne, Esquire, now returned to the Council the deeds and papers received by him from the Land Office.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board deliver the same to David Kennedy, Secretary of the Land Office, taking his receipt for them.

And the following deeds were accordingly delivered, vizt:

No. 1. Indian purchase made by the Dutch, of lands between Bombay Hook and Cape Henlopen.

[Missing—belongs to the Delaware State.]

An original deed, eaten by mice in some parts, but the marks and seals mostly perfect, executed for lands in Pennsylvania lying between Delaware Falls and Neshaminy creek, with the islands Mahnikunks, Sapussinks, and Orecktons, in consideration of a large quantity of goods and three hundred guilders in money, with an indorsement of the first of August, 1682, executed by other Indians, owners of some of the lands and islands comprised in the said deeds.

[1682, July 15, No. 2. 3 numbers marked 2. N. B. Not on record.]

Indian names to the original deed:

Idquahon,	Tomackhickon,
I. Anottowe,	Weskekitt and
Idquoqueqwon,	Talawsis, Indian,
Sahoppe for himself and	Sachamakers,
Okonickon,	Merkekowon,
Swampesse,	Oreckton for Nannamsey,
Nahoosey,	Shaurwacighon.

Indian names to the indorsement:

Idquoqueywon,	Fillerappamond,
Filerappamond,	Nannesshessham,
Essexamarthatte,	Pyterhay.
Swanpisse,	

With two counterparts, signed by Governor William Markham, before witnesses.

Grant of Tamanen, and Metamequan, and other Indians, of their lands between Pennepack and Neshaminy creeks, and all along Neshaminy, with an acknowledgment of receipt of goods in consideration for said lands

[1683, June 23, No. 3, not recorded. Two numbers marked No. 3.]

Grant of the same lands, from other Indians, all along Neshaminy and two days' journey, backwards, with a horse.

[No 4, do., not recorded.]

A duplicate of the same not recorded.

[No. 4, do.]

Grant of lands on the west side of Schuylkill from Wingebone, beginning at the first falls, and from thence all along the said river as far as his right goes.

[1683, June 25, No. 5, not recorded.]

Grant of lands betwixt Manaiunk, alias Schuylkill and Pemmapecka creeks, so far as the hill called Cosohockin on said river Manaiunk, and from thence by a northwest line to the river Pemmapecka: Signed by the following Indians: Neneshickan, Malibore, Neshanocke. And witnessed by Catamusan, Indian King, with particular account inserted of the goods, &ca., paid on account of said lands.

[1683, July 14th, No. 6, not recorded.]

Grant of lands lying between Manaiunk alias Schuylkill, beginning on the West side of Manaiunk, called Cosohockon; and from thence by a westerly line of Macopanackhan alias Chester river, from Secan and Jequoquehan, Indian Sachem makers and right owners of said lands, with list of goods received in consideration of said lands.

[1683, 5th month 14, No. 7, not recorded.]

Grant from Kepetappau of Opasiskunk, for his half of all his land betwixt Sasquehannah and Delaware, which lieth on the Sas-

quehannah side; with a promise to sell at the next spring, on his return from hunting, his right to the other half of said lands.

[1683, September 10th, No. 8, not recorded.]

Answer of Mohocks, Cayugas, Oneidos and Onondago Indians at the Mohocks' Castle, to William Penn's Belts, certified by the interpreter of the Province of New York, Airnout Corn-Viel, and interpreted by the Secretary, Robert Livingston; wherein the Indians set forth their conquest of the Susquehana lands, and their willingness to sell to William Penn. Extracted from the minute books of the commissioners at Albany.

[1683, September 7th, No. 9.

Propositions of the same Indians to the Commissioners at Albany; wherein they say, that four years before they had delivered the Susquehannah Indians to Governor Dungan, and now deliver them again. Extracted out of the s'd minute book and certified by Secretary Robert Livingston.

[1683, September 26th, No. 10, & duplicate:]

Answer of Commissioners to the said propositions; wherein they give the Indians goods as a confirmation of the gift of the said lands to Governor Dungan, and they receive the delivery of them. Extracted from the same minute book, and certified by the same person

[1683, September 26th, No. 11.]

Resolution of the Commissioners that William Penn's Agents cannot treat till an answer arrives from Governor Dungan, upon which the Indians decline to stay and persist in their deed to Governor Dungan. Extracted from the same minute book, and certified by the same person.

[1683, September 28th, No. 12.]

Final answer of Albany Commissioners, to Mr. William Kaig and Mr. James Graham, agents of proprietary, William Penn, referring them to Governor Dungan for the purchase of the Susquehannah lands. Extracted from the same minute book, and certified by the same person.

[1663, 8br ye 4th, No. 13.]

Assignment of lands lying between Delaware, Chesapeake bay and Susquehannah river, from Maelaloha, owner of said lands, and signed in the presence of many Indians, whose names are partly eaten off the deed by the mice.

[1683, 8br. ye 18, No. 14. Not recorded.

A promise and engagement of Seketanus, and Ralchickop, and Nacheotamen, and Toonis, and Leleghanan, and Wippais, to sell to the proprietary, William Penn, in the Spring next, all their lands lying on Christiana and Upland Creek, after the same manner as Kehlappau and others sell theirs; with an acknowledgment of receipt of some goods in part of pay.

[1683, 10th mo. ye 19th, No. 15. Not recorded.]

Grant of lands on Pahkehoma from Maughoughlin, with acknowledgment of goods received in satisfaction, and a promise never to molest any Christians that shall settle thereon, per order of the proprietary, William Penn.

[1684, 3rd, 4th month, No. 16. Not recorded.]

Grant of lands on both sides of Pemmapecka creek, on the river Delaware, from Richard Mettamicont, owner of said lands, with an acknowledgment of satisfaction received, and promise not to molest any Christians settled thereon by order of Proprietary William Penn.

[1684, 4th month, 7th, No. 17—not recorded.]

Grant of lands lying between Macoponackan (alias Upland, now Chester river or creek,) and the river or creek Pemmapecka, (now called Dublin creek,) beginning at a hill called Consohickon, on the river Manaiunk, alias Schuylkill; from thence extending a parallel line to the said Macoponackan or Chester creek by a south westerly course, and from the said Consohickon hill to the aforesaid Pemapecka (or Dublin) creek by said parallel line north westerly, and so up along the said Pemapecka creek as far as the said creek extends, and from thence north westerly back into the woods, to make up two full days' journey, as far as a man can go in two days from the said station, &ca, with acknowledgment of goods, &ca., received in satisfaction. The deed signed by Shakhoppoh, Secane, Malibore, Tangoras, Indian Sachemmakers, and right owners of said lands, and attested p many other Indians of note and Christians present.

[1685, 5th month, ye 30th, No. 18—not recorded.]

Proposition of the Onondago and Cayuga Sachems, made in the Town Hall of Albany, before the Right Hon'ble the Lord Effingham, Governor of Virginia, and Colonel Thomas Dungan, Governor of New York, purporting that they had put all their lands and themselves under the protection of the great Duke of York.

[1684, August ye 2nd, No. 19.]

Grant of lands from Quing Quingus, called Duck creek, unto Upland creek, called Chester creek, all along by the west side of Delaware river, and so between the said creeks backwards as far as a man can ride in two days with a horse, acknowledging satisfaction received. Deed signed by Pare, Packenah, Tareckan, Sichais, Pitquassit, Towis, Essepenaick, Petkhoy, Kekelappan, Eomus, Macholoha, Metheconga, Wissa, Pervey, Indian Kings, Sachem makers, and right owners of all the said lands.

An exemplified copy of the same.

[1685, 2nd 8th mo., No. 20, and a duplicate—recorded in book F, vol. 8, page 121, 21st of April, 1735.]

A very ancient copy of a deed from Mayhkecrickkishsho, Sayhoppy, Taughhaughsey, Indian Kings, and right owners of the said lands, for all that tract, and those tracts of land lying and being in

the Province of Pennsylvania, beginning from a corner marked Spruce tree by the river Delaware, about Mackeerickkitton, and from thence running along the ridge or foot of the mountains w'st N. w'st to a corner white oak, marked with the letter P., standing by the Indian path that leadeth to an Indian town called Playwicky, and from thence extending westward to Neshaminy creek, from which said line the said tract or tracts hereby granted to extend itself back into the woods as far as a man can go in one day and a half, and bounded westerly as far as the most westerly branch of said Neshaminy creek, &c., together with all the islands in the river Delaware. Witnessed by several other Indians and Christians.

[1686, August 20th, No. 21—not recorded. Wanting and immaterial. Included in the deed 1736, and determined in favour of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, at the treaty of Easton, before Sir Wm. Johnston—See Council Books. This deed of August 20th, 1686, expressly confirmed by the deed hereinafter mentioned, No. 35, and dated 25th of August, 1737.]

Grant of lands lying between Neshaminy and Poquessing, upon the river Delaware, and extending backwards to the utmost bounds of the said Province, with acknowledgment of satisfaction received.

Signed, King Taminent, King Tangorus, King Swampes, King Kickoqueon.

[1692, June 15th, No. 22. Not recorded.]

Governor Dungan's lease for one thousand years, for lands on both sides the river Susquehanah and the Lakes adjacent, as far as the great Bay of Chesapeak.

[1696, January 12th, No. 23.]

Governor Dungan's release, in fee of the same lands, to William Penn.

[1696, January 13th, No. 24th.]

Grant of lands lying between the creek called Pemmapeck and the creek called Neshaminy, in the Province of Pennsylvania, and extending in length from the Delaware so far as an horse can travel in two summer days, and to carry its breadth according to the several courses of the two creeks will admit, to the end of its main branch, and then upon a direct course of each side its full breadth. Deed signed by King Taminy, Weheeland, Weheequeckhon, alias Andrew, Yaquekhon alias Nickolas, Quenamequid alias Charles.

[1697, July ye 5th, No. 25, acknowledged in open court, at Phila-d'a, 6th July, 1697, recorded in Roll's office 7th, 12th mo., 1697–8, in book E 3, Volo. 5, page 57 and 58.]

Engagement from under the hands and seals of Keteoquean and Metashickay, two Indian Kings, to put and maintain the proprietor, William Penn, in quiet possession of the Island Sepaassing, granted him by them eighteen years ago.

[1700, April 16th, No. 26.]

Deed for lands lying on both sides the Susquehannah river, and all the Islands in the said river, and next adjoining the same, and extending to the utmost confines of the lands which are or formerly were the right of the people called Susquehannah Indians, or whatever other name they were called. Also, ratifying and confirming the sale of said lands made by them to Colonel Dungan. Deed signed by Widaagh alias Oryhjah, Andaggy, Jankquagh, Kings and Sachems of Susquehannah Indians, and the river of that name, and lands lying on both sides thereof.

[1700, September 13th, No. 27—recorded at Philadelphia, in book F, Volume 8, page 242, 26th August, 1735.]

Articles of agreement between William Penn and the Susquehanna, Shawonagh, Powtowmack and Conestogo Indians, wherein, among other things, they ratify and confirm Governor Dungan's deeds of the twelfth and thirteenth of January, 1696, and the deed of the Susquehanna Indians, Oretyagh, &c., of the seventh 'ber 13th, 1700.

[1701, April 23rd, No. 28—recorded at Philad'a, in book F. Vol. 8, page 43.]

Release from sundry Delaware Indian Chiefs, for all the lands situate between the two rivers, Delaware and Susquehanna, from Duck creek to the mountains on this side Lechay, with an acknowledgment that they have seen and heard divers deeds of sale read unto them under the hands and seals of former Kings and Chiefs of the Delaware Indians, ye ancestors and predecessors, who were owners of said lands, by which they had granted the said lands to William Penn, with which they were satisfied and content; which, for a further consideration of goods delivered them, they now confirm. Deed signed by Sassoorah, Meetachuchny, Ghetlypeneeman, Pokehais, Ayymaikan, Opekassit, Pepawmaman and others.

[1700, 7br, 17th, No. 29—recorded in book A, Vol. 6, page 59 and 60, 13th of May, 1728.]

Release from Sheekokonickan, Meeanoppy, Tolowsis George, alias Seegaghtachman, for all that tract of land situate on both sides of the Brandywine creek, from the mouth thereof, where it enters the river Delaware, up to a certain rock in the said creek near the upper line of Abraham Marshal's land.

[1726, May the 31st. No. 30—not recorded.]

Release of all those tract or tracts of land lying on or near the river Schuylkill, situate and lying between those hills called Lechaiy hills, and those hills called Kittytamenia hills, which cross the river Schuylkill about thirty miles above the said Lechairy hills, and all lands whatsoever lying within the said bounds, and between the branches of Delaware river, on the eastern side of the said land, and the branches or streams running into the river Susquehanna, on the western side of the said land. Deed signed by Sassoonan, alias Allumapis, Ohopamen, Mayeemo, Allalapis, Pesquecetom Patridge, Teepakoassett, Lingahnoa.

[1732, September 7th. No. 31—not recorded.]

A confirmation of the same, with acknowledgment of the receipt of the goods for said purchase, signed by the above named Indians and Lapahpaton Nelahotan.

[1733, August 20th. No 32 not recorded.]

Release of the river Susquehannah and the lands lying on both sides thereof, to extend eastward as far as the heads of the branches or springs which run into the said river Susquehannah, and all the lands lying on the west side of Susquehanna to the setting of the sun, and to extend from the mouth of the said river northward up the same, to the hills called Kehathtanimi hills, with a confirmation of Governor Dungan's deed to Governor Penn. Deed signed by twenty-three Indian chiefs, of the Onandago, Seneca, Oneida, and Tuscarora nations.

[1736, 8 ber 11th & 25th, two deeds. No. 33. Recorded in book G, vol. 1st, pa. 277, May 7th, 1741.]

A petition from some of the chiefs of the Onandago, Seneca, Cayugas, Oneidas, Tuscaroras Indians, in behalf of themselves and of the Cayugas and Mohocks, requesting their bretheren, Onas & James Logan, to write to the governments of Maryland and Virginia, acquainting them that they will make them consideration for their lands in those Provinces. That they will endeavour to get them their goods sold cheaper, and that no Christian people may buy any lands of their cousins the Delawares, for that they have no right to sell any lands, not having any remaining.

[No. 34. Indorsed in the Proprietor, Thomas Penn's own hand. and dated Nov'r 19, 1736. Wanting and immaterial.]

Release from Tisheskunk, Nutimus, two of the Sachems of the Delaware Indians, with thirteen others of the same nation, for all the lands particularly mentioned in the deed No. 21, dated August 20th, 1686, lying on Delaware river. In which deed these Indians mention their having begun a Treaty with the Proprietaries, John and Thomas Penn, at Durham, three years before, and the next spring another meeting at Pennsberry, where they had seen the several deeds made by their forefathers more than fifty years before, wherein these lands were conveyed by them to their old friend and brother William Penn, in consideration of large quantities of goods they at that time received, which lands the aforesaid Indians now confirm the sale of.

[1737, August 25th. No. 35. Recorded in book G, vol. 1st, pa. 282, &ca., May 8th, 1741.]

A map of the upper part of Bucks county, shewing the limits of the purchase formerly made of the Indians, (wherein the walk of one day and a half, as walked on the nineteenth and twentieth of the seventh 'ber, 1737, by Edward Marshall and James Yates, of about sixty miles, is particularly laid down,) and released by the Indians in the year 1737, by the said deed No. 35.

[No. 36.]

Deed of confirmation from fifteen Chiefs of the Six Nations of Indians, (vizt: Onondagoes, Senecas, Cayugas, Oneidas, Tuscaro-

raes, in behalf of the Canyingoes or Mohocks,) for all the lands as mentioned in deed No. 33, dated 8th ber 11th, 1736, with this further declaration, that their true intent and meaning of said writing was, and is, to release, and they do now more expressly release to the Proprietaries, and their heirs and successors, all the lands lying within the bounds and limits of the Government of Pennsylvania, beginning eastward on the river Delaware, as far northward as the said ridge or chain of endless mountains, as they cross the country of Pennsylvania from the eastward to the west.

And as they are become one people with the government of Pennsylvania, they do promise and engage for themselves and their children, that neither they nor any in authority in their nations, will ever bargain, grant or sell any of the lands within the government of Pennsylvania, to any white man or Indian, or any other person, than to said Proprietaries and to their children, or such as they may authorize to agree for the same.

July the 9th, 1754. And by an indorsement on this deed dated July the 9th, 1754, nine Chiefs of the Mohocks under their hands and seals, confirm the sale of said lands and covenant, promise and engage with Thomas and Richard Penn, that neither they nor any under their authority shall grant or convey to any other person than the said Proprietaries, their heirs and assigns, any lands within the limits of the said Province.

[1736, 8 'ber 25. No. 37. Wanting, but recorded in book G, vol. 2nd, pa. 350, 22nd of May, 1741.]

Deed from sundry Chiefs of the Onandagoes, Senecas, Mohocks, Oneidas, Cayugas, Tuscaroraes and the Shamokins, Delawares and Shawonese Indians, to Thomas and Richard Penn, Proprietors for all that tract and parcell of land described as follows: Beginning at the hills or mountains called Kehachtany Hills, on the east side of the river Susquehanna, being in the north-west line or boundary of the tract of land formerly purchased by the said Proprietaries from the said Indian Nations, by their deed of the eleventh of October, 1736; and from thence running up the said river by the several courses thereof, to the first or nearest mountain to the north side of the mouth of the creek called Lehachwaxsien; and from thence to run across Lehachwaxsien aforesaid, down the river Delaware by the several courses thereof, to the Kekachtany hills aforesaid; and from thence by the range of the said hills to the place of beginning, as more fully appears by the draught or map annexed to the deed. Deed signed by four Onondago Chiefs, four Senecas, two Mohocks, three Oneidas, three Cayugas, two Tuscaroras, two Delawares, and one Shawanese Chiefs. The Delaware Chiefs were Neetimus and Qualpaghach. The Shawanese, Back Sinosa.

[1749, August 22nd. No. 38. Recorded in book H, Vol. 2d, pa. 204, &ca., May 16th, 1752.]

Deed from Sundry Chiefs of the Six Nations Indians, vizt: Six Mohocks, five of the Oneidas, one Onondago, (in behalf of himself and all the Sachems and Chiefs of the Onondago Nation,) four of the Cayugaes, three of the Siniker Nation, and five of the Tuscarora Nation, in consideration of four hundred pounds, York currency, to Thomas and Richard Penn, &ca., for all the lands lying within the Province of Pennsylvania, bounded and limited as follows, vizt: Beginning at the Kehachtany or Blue hills on the west branch of Susquehanna river; and thence by the said river a mile above the mouth of a certain creek called Kayarondinhagh; thence north west and by west as far as the said Province of Pennsylvania extends to its western line or boundary; thence along to the said western line to the south line or boundary of the said Province; thence by the said south line or boundary to the south side of the Kittatiny hills; thence by the south side of the said hills along the said hills to the place of beginning; with this proviso added: that notwithstanding the sales of these lands now made by the Indians, there shall ever subsist, and be mutually preserved on both parties and their children, to the latest posterity, the same love, friendship, and kind treatment that hath all along subsisted, and does now subsist between them.

[1754, July ye 6th, at Albany. No. 39. Recorded at Phila-d'a, in book H, Vol. 5, page 392, &ca, Feb'ry 3rd, 1755.]

Copy of an indorsement made on the deed, as found in the paper in Conrad Weiser's hand:

Be it remembered that although the consideration now paid, and which is the real sum agreed for, yet before the execution of the deed, it was further agreed by us, with the Indians, that whenever the lands over the Apalachian hills should be settled, the Indians who signed the deed are to receive a further sum not exceeding the present consideration money. JOHN PENN, [L. S.]
RICHARD PETERS, [L. S.]

Witnesses present:—Isaac Norris, B. Franklin, James Stevenson, William Franklin, C. Weiser.

N. B.—The above is a true copy of the indorsement on the Indian's deed left in my custody by Zachnechdorus, an Indian Chief, untill he shall have occasion to call for it. Compared by me.
CONROD WEISER.

April 26th, 1755.

[This indorsement appears to have been made on the deed executed & delivered to the Indians.]

Deed from Thomas and Richard Penn to the Six Nations, releasing to them all the lands conveyed to the said proprietors by the before mentioned deed of the sixth of July, 1754, lying to the westward of the Allegany mountains.

[1757, Nov'r 7th. No. 40.]

Deed from the Six Nations to Thomas and Richard Penn, reciting their release of the lands in the preceding deed, and confirming to them the residue of all the lands conveyed in the said deed of July the sixth, 1754, with a map of the said lands.

[1758, 23rd October. No. 41. Recorded in book I, vol. 4, page 488.]

Deed the Chiefs of the Six Nations to the proprietors of Pennsylvania.

[1768, Nov'r 5th. No. 42.]

Treaty with the Five Nations at Albany.

[No. 43. August 15th, 1694.]

Received, January 3rd, 1783, of Timothy Matlack, Secretary of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, the foregoing deeds and papers, the same being returned into the Secretary's office by Henry Osborne, Esquire, after the trial between the States of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and for which I, as Secretary of the Land Office, am to be accountable.

DAVID KENNEDY,
Secretary L'd Office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, John Piper. } Esquires.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Wilson, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds specie, being the fee allowed by resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth day of November last, for his services as Counsel for this State in the late controversy between Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Elinor Kirkpatrick to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Boyd, of the Bedford county company of Rangers, for thirty pounds specie, in part of his pay, for which he is to account, to be paid out of the five thousand pounds appropriated to the frontier defence.

A letter from his Excellency the President of the State, of the fourth instant, was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

GENTLEMEN:—Yesterday I ventured out to the State House, but you had adjourned before I got there. To-day, being a good deal indisposed, I think it my duty to write to you on a subject of importance that requires dispatch. Our resolution to compleat the line of this State to three regiments by the opening of the next campaign, lately transmitted to the Secretary at War, has been by him communicated to Congress; and, I am informed, that Honorable body has approved our proposal if it is carried into execution by the first day of March. The recruiting service goes on so slowly, for want of money, that I am much afraid we shall not be able to fill up the intended quota in the time limited; and of course, a number of brave, experienced, and deserving officers, who ought, if possible, to be provided for in the most advantageous manner by this State, will be deranged, not to mention other motives for rendering our line as respectable as we can. I have received intelligence from General Sinclair and Colonel Humpton, that upwards of one hundred and sixty eighteen months' men have lately been discharged to the southward, and are now on their way towards this State; that they are good soldiers; that other States intend to inlist them, but that they may be engaged for this, if one thousand pounds could be supplied for the purpose; that this number will go far in executing our design, and that Colonel Humpton will charge himself in a particular manner with managing the affair.—I am sensible that the Treasury is empty; but I beg leave to inform you, that I will immediately advance the sum before mentioned, if the Council will be pleased to agree that it shall be repaid in three months, with interest—a condition that will not put a penny in my pocket. I am with great and sincere esteem, gentlemen, your obedient and humble servant.

JOHN DICKINSON.

To the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania.

January 4, 1783.

Whereupon, the Council having considered the said letter,

Agreed, unanimously, to the proposition contained therein.

A letter from Henry Osborne, Esquire, of this day, was read, requesting the directions of the Council, in what manner to dispose of sundry extracts taken from volume one and two of the records of the State of New York, and from volume one and two of the records of the State of Connecticut, for the use of this State on the late trial between the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to receive from Mr. Osborne the papers above mentioned, and give a receipt for the same.

A draft of a proclamation was laid before the Board, and read, and approved in the words following, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Supreme Executive Council, that divers seamen belonging to the ships-of-war of his Most Christian Majesty, the great and good Ally of these United States, have deserted, and probably may remain concealed in or near the city of Philadelphia:

And Whereas, it is of the utmost consequence to these United States, as much as possible to discourage and prevent such desertions, and apprehend, secure and return to their officers, all deserters from the fleets of his Most Christian Majesty: We do hereby strictly charge, enjoin and require, all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and other peace officers, to use their utmost diligence to apprehend, secure and return to the Consul or Vice Consul of his Most Christian Majesty, all such deserters as may be found within this State. And we do hereby earnestly recommend to the good citizens of the State to give with the greatest alacrity, their aid and assistance in all lawful measures for so apprehending, securing and returning all such deserters.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—T'Y MATLACK, *Sec'ry.*

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Thereupon,

Ordered, That the said proclamation be published.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper, Sebastian Levan, James Cunningham, } Esquires.

A representation was read, signed by John Boyd, Captain of Rangers, and Thomas Stokeley, also Captain of Rangers, repre-

senting the situation of Henry Dugan, Serjeant of Captain Boyd's company, and Robert Watson, John Marns, and Michael Hare, of Captain Stokeley's company of Rangers, now returned from captivity amongst the savages: and thereupon,

Ordered, That two months' pay be advanced to the said Henry Dugan, John Marns, Robert Watson, and Michael Hare, and that each of them be furnished with a hat, two shirts, a waisteoate, a pair of overalls, a pair of stockings, a pair of shoes, and cloth and trimmings for a coat, and that Colonel Farmer be directed to furnish the said cloathing accordingly.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Board that it is probable that some sailors belonging the ships of his Most Christian Majesty are harboured and concealed on board a ship or vessel now in the river Delaware, near Chester, to the great injury of the service of our august ally, and application has been made for authority to search such ship or vessell; whereupon,

Ordered, That Thomas Wilkins be appointed to search all vessells in the ports of this State, on board of which it may be suspected deserters are entered or engaged, and demand them to be delivered up agreeably to the laws of the State.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain John Boyd, of the company of Rangers in Bedford county, for six pounds specie, for paying two months' pay to Henry Dugan, Sergeant in said company, for which Captain Boyd is to account, and deduct the same out of Dugan's pay.

In favor of Captain Thomas Stokely of the Company of Rangers in the county of Westmoreland, for fifteen pounds specie, for paying two months' pay to Robert Watson, John Marns, and Michael Hare, privates in said company, the same to be deducted out of their pay, and for which Captain Stokeley is to account.

A petition from Lazarus Barnett, late of the city of Amsterdam, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That leave be given him to come into this State, from the city of New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to bring with him his wife.

A report from William Bradford, Junior, Joseph Reed, James Wilson, Jonathan D. Sergeant, and Henry Osborne, Esquires, Councillors and Agents for this State in the controversy with Connecticut, dated second of January, 1783, inclosing a decree (in favour of Pennsylvania,) of the Court appointed by Congress for hearing and determining the said controversy, was received and read. A letter from William Whipple, Welcome Arnold, David Brearly, Cyrus Griffin, and William C. Houston, Judges of the said Court, was also received and read. And the several matters and things therein contained having been duly considered,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued, giving notice of the said decree, and also for preserving peace, and quieting the minds

of the people settled on the lands lately disputed between this State and Connecticut, and requiring the settlers to pay due obedience to the laws of this Commonwealth.

The proclamation was agreed to in the words following, vizt:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Court of Commissioners, constituted and declared by the United States, in Congress assembled, to hear and finally determine the controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, respecting sundry lands lying within the northern boundary of this State, having heard the said States respectively thereupon, proceeded, on the thirtieth day of December last, to give judgment in the words following, to wit:

"We are unanimously of opinion that the State of Connecticut has no right to the lands in controversy. We are also unanimously of opinion that the jurisdiction and pre-emption of all the territory lying within the charter boundary of Pennsylvania, and now claimed by the State of Connecticut, do of right belong to the State of Pennsylvania."

We have thought fit to make known and proclaim, and do hereby make known and proclaim the same, and we do hereby charge, enjoin, and require all persons whatsoever, and more especially such person and persons who, under the authority or countenance of the late Colony, now State of Connecticut, either before or since the Declaration of Independence, have entered upon and settled lands within the bounds of this State, to take notice of the said judgment, and pay due obedience to the laws of this Commonwealth.

And whereas, There is reason to fear that the animosities and resentments which may have arisen between the people who, under the authority or countenance of the said late Colony, now State of Connecticut, as aforesaid, have made settlements within the bounds of this State, and the citizens of Pennsylvania who claim the lands whereon such settlements have been made, may induce some of the latter to endeavour to gain possession of the said lands by force and violence, contrary to law, whereby the peace of the State may be endangered and individuals greatly injured, we do hereby strictly charge, enjoin all persons whatsoever, to forbear molesting, or in anywise disturbing any person or persons, who, under the authority or countenance of the late Colony, now State of Connecticut, as aforesaid, have settled lands within the bounds of this State, until the Legislature or the courts of justice shall have made laws or passed judgment in such case as to right and justice may appear to belong, as such persons offending therein shall answer the contrary at their peril. And we do hereby charge, enjoin, and require, all Judges,

Justices, Sheriffs, and other peace officers, to use their authority to prevent offences, and to punish according to law, all offences committed, or to be committed against any of the people so as aforesaid settled under the authority or countenance of the said late Colony, now State of Connecticut, as aforesaid, on lands within this State, and who pay due obedience to the laws thereof, as in case of like offences against any of the citizens of this State.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—T'y Matlack, Sec'ry.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH!

Ordered, That the said proclamation be published.

Philadelphia, Tuesday, January 7th, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.
George Wall, John Piper, }

A petition from Neal Sherkey, convicted of keeping a tipling house, and selling liquor by the small measure without licence for so doing, at the last Court of General Quarter Sessions for the county of Philadelphia, was read, praying remission of his fine: On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Neal Sherkey, be remitted.

Henry Osborne, Esquire, attended, and requested Council to lend him two papers containing extracts from the proceedings of the Court of Commissioners on the trial between this State and Connecticut, lately forwarded by him to Council, which the Council agreed to, and the Secretary was directed to deliver the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, John Piper, James Cunningham, } Esquires.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of Richard Ridley, for rent of a store and room at Marcus Hook, while occupied by part of Colonel Miles' regiment in the year 1776, was read and approved.

The petition of divers freeholders of Derry township, in the county of Cumberland, praying the appointment of Justices of the Peace, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the act intitled "An Act to prevent the erecting any new and independent State within the limits of this Commonwealth," and the bill intitled "An Act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representatives, and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally at the end of the war," be struck off, and forwarded to the western part of the State, there to be distributed.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain John Boyd, for five pounds specie, for paying to John Skilling, private in Captain Thomas Robeson's company of Rangers in Northumberland county, two months' pay, to be charged to said Skilling, and deducted out of his pay, for which Captain Robeson is to account, it appearing to the Board by said Skilling's affidavit, that he is a soldier belonging to Captain Robeson's company, and just returned from captivity.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, John Piper, and James Cunningham, } Esquires.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds specie, being a fee allowed by resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth day of November last, for his services in the controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, John Piper, James Cunningham, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line one-third of depreciation certificates, pursuant to act of Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April last, for which the Comptroller General is to account.

A letter from his Excellency the President of the State, of the seventh instant, was read, reminding Council of business requiring immediate dispatch, to wit: the distributing the proclamations of Council thro' the country lately disputed between this State and that of Connecticut, suggesting to Council the propriety of appointing some persons to spread the same, and converse with the people, in order to quiet their minds, and prevent any disturbances; that messengers be sent to the westward, according to resolution of Assembly, with a sufficient number of copies of the late act, and the bills passed for consideration respecting the designs agitated there, and the appropriation of lands to persons therein described, to be

duly delivered out, for the information of the people, and mentioning the receipt of Captain Bowen's certificate. The said letter also inclosed a copy of a letter from the Marquis La Fayette to Major General Lincoln, recommending the Chevalier de Lambert for a commission in the American army.

The Council taking into consideration the recommendations in favour of the said Chevalier de Lambert; and General Sinclair having informed the Board that gentlemen can be provided for in the corps of Artillery commanded by Colonel Porter,

Ordered, That the Chevalier de Lambert be appointed a Second Lieutenant in the regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Andrew Porter, and that the Honorable Major General Lincoln, Secretary at War, be requested to issue a commission accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board request Mr. John Dunlap to furnish thirteen copies of the new edition of the minutes of the House of General Assembly, for the use of the Council, out of the number directed to be printed by the House.

A petition from John Abraham De Normandie, praying permission to return to this State, the place of his nativity, was read and rejected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 13, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, George Wall, James Cunningham, John Piper, } Esquires.

On application, the following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, viz:

In favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, being one quarter's salary due the thirteenth instant, to him as Comptroller General.

In favour of Joseph Reed, Esquire, for two hundred and fifty pounds specie, being a fee allowed by resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth day of November last for his services as Counsel for this State in the late controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut.

In favour of the Honorable James Irvine, for eighty pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for his attendance as Counsellor from October the fourteenth, 1782, till January 13th, 1783, inclusive, ninety-two days.

The petition of Abraham Shinnard, convicted of manslaughter at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Yorktown, for the county

of York, the twenty-seventh day of May last, was read, praying remission of his fine and imprisonment; thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and the imprisonment, be remitted.

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Patrick McSherry, Jun'r, convicted of manslaughter at the said Court; and thereupon,

Ordered, That he be pardoned.

A petition from Nathaniel Forsyth, convicted of a misdemeanor at the said Court, praying remission of his fine and imprisonment, was read, together with a recommendation in his favour from two of the Judges of the said Court. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and the imprisonment, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper,
George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

A petition from Anne Wilson was read, and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said Anne Wilson, to go to New York, by the way of Dobb's ferry, and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, James Cunningham,
George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.
John Piper,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable George Wall, Junior, Esquire, for fifty three pounds seven shillings and sixpence, amount of his account for his attendance as Councillor, from the twelfth of October, 1782, till the sixteenth day of January, 1783, in., 59 days, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Van Campen,
George Wall, Junior, John Piper,
Sebastian Levan, James Cunningham, } Esquires.

The Commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, laid before the Board an account for two hundred barrels of flour purchased from John and Robert Morton, and shipp'd on board the sloop Cohansey, for the relief of the prisoners at New York, belonging to this State, and requested an order in their favour for the amount; whereupon,

An order was drawn in favour of John Patton, Francis Gurney, and William Allibone, Commissioners as aforesaid, for three hundred and sixty pounds, amount of the said account, agreeable to resolution of General Assembly of the twenty-sixth day of November last.

The petition of Sieur Fermier, a prisoner in the gaol of York county, convicted of horse stealing in the said county, was read, praying a pardon as to the corporal punishment and fine due to the State.

Ordered, That the said Sieur Fermier be pardoned.

A letter from John McDowell, Esquire, of the third instant, acquainting the Council that the Reverend Mr. Finley will undertake a journey to the western frontiers, on the business which Council had requested him to communicate to that gentleman.

Ordered, That the Secretary write to the Honourable John McDowell, and inform him that Council approve of the Reverend Mr. Finley as a very proper person for the said business, and that Council wish to see him before he sets out.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper,
Sebastian Levan, John Van Campen, } Esquires.
James Cunningham,

A committee of Congress, to wit: Hon'ble Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Wolcott, and Mr. Madison, attended in Council, and requested a conference with Council respecting certain goods seized in the county of Chester on their way to Lancaster, for the British and German prisoners of war at that place, under the protection of a flagg granted by his Excellency General Washington; which the Council agreed to, and a conference was had.

After some time spent therein the committee withdrew.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper, } Esquires.
Sebastian Levan,

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for forty pounds specie, in part of his pay as Councillor for the county of Bedford.

In favor of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General, for the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds specie, being a fee allowed by resolution of General Assembly of the sixth of November last, for his services in the late controversy between this State.

On consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to James M'Culloh, Sarah White and Mary Dunton, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

Mr. Atlee and Mr. S. Morris, a Committee of the House of General Assembly, attended, and informed the Council that the House is now met and ready to receive any business the Council may have to lay before them. Upon which the Council informed the Committee that a message was preparing, and should be laid before the House with all convenient dispatch.

The Council took into consideration the seizure of British goods and merchandize lately made in the county of Chester; and thereupon, the President laid before the Board a draft of a message relative thereto, which was read and approved, in the words following, to wit, vizt:

A message from the President and Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—We think it our duty to lay before you immediately the papers that will be delivered with this message. They relate to business of high importance in several respects. The rights of Congress, the authority of this State, and of the Commander-in-Chief, appear to be involved in the questions that arise from it; and the welfare of American prisoners of war seems to be particularly interested in them.

We have had a conference with a Committee of Congress on this affair, and learn from them that the members of that Honorable body are unanimously of opinion that the seizure is a violation of the laws of nations, and of the rights of the United States.

We have seriously deliberated on this subject, and are convinced that we are not competent to the sollicited redress.

If the determination was to be made only upon the rights of Congress, the general executive powers of sovereign States, and the laws of nations, our difficulty would not be so great. But the "Act for the more effectual suppression of all intercourse and com-"merce with the enemies of the United States of America," being pointed to the case that now exists, we are bound to an observance of that act, and cannot presume to determine how far the directions therein prescribed, concerning the introduction of necessary cloathing for prisoners of war, is a violation of the laws of nations or of the rights of the United States. The decision of that point we esteem ourselves obliged respectfully to defer to your Honourable House.

JOHN DICKINSON, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, January 18th, 1783.

Ordered, That the Secretary present the foregoing message to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Van Campen, } Esquires.
John Piper, Sebastian Levan, }

On application, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Henry Osborne, Esquire, for one hundred and fifty pounds specie, being a fee allowed by resolution of the General Assembly of the sixth of November last, for his services in the late controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut as Sollicitor.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper, } Esquires.
John Van Campen, James Cunningham, }

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Lewis Farmer, for eleven pounds and six pence specie, for cloathing furnished to Captains Boyd and Stokely, for four privates belonging to their Ranging companies, for which Colonel Farmer is to account.

The report of the Agents appointed by the State in the late controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, was read.

A Committee of the General Assembly and a Committee of Congress, together with Council, being met in the Council Chamber, entered into conference upon the seizure of a quantity of goods, said to be cloathing for the British prisoners under the protection of a flagg granted by His Excellency General Washington. After a free conference on the subject, and the sentiments of each understood, the Committees withdrew.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.
James Cunningham, John Piper, }

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to make a return to this Board of all military stores now in his possession, belonging to this State; also of all stores delivered out by him, at what time the same have been delivered, and the names of the persons to whom delivered; and that the said return be made with all convenient dispatch.

The Committee of the House of General Assembly and Doctor Gardner, Mr. Bell, Colonel Hannum, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Boyd, met in the Council Chamber. The President opened the conference by stating what had passed yesterday, and further conference being had, adjourned till to-morrow, eleven o'clock.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.
John Piper, John Van Campen, }
James Cunningham,

A letter from Adam Orth, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, dated the thirteenth instant, was read, in which he proposes a certain court to be held for inquiry, respecting militia fines, under the agreement of the Council, &c. On consideration,

Ordered, That he be informed that the militia law is to be his guide in all cases whatsoever respecting the militia.

The Committee of the House of General Assembly and the Committee of Congress attended in Council. The Council and the said Committees resumed the conference, and after some time spent thereon, a draft of a representation to Congress being proposed,

Colonel Hannums, Colonel Frazier and Doctor Gardner signed the same, referring the case to Congress.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper, James Cunningham, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

A letter from Monsieur Marbois, Consul of France, requesting that ninety-eight barrels of gun powder, on board the ships of his most Christian Majesty, now in port, may be received into the magazine, to avoid the danger of fire while those ships remain in the harbour, and that it be kept apart from any other powder. On consideration,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to receive the said powder; that he keep it apart from other powder, and take care that a proper guard be continued over the magazine.

A letter from William Wikoff and Lardner Clark, requesting a pass to Fort Pitt, and from thence down the river Ohio, for themselves and a quantity of merchandize imported into this State according to law, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said pass be granted.

A petition from Mr. Henry Wynkoop, praying permission to go into New York and to return again, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to him to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

The Council taking into consideration the business proper to be laid before the General Assembly at this session, the President informed the Board that he had prepared a draft of a message, which was read; and on consideration,

The same was agreed to in the words following, vizt:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—We heartily congratulate you on the recovery of Charlestown, and the final determination of the controversy between this State and that of Connecticut in our favor, by the unanimous judgment of the Commissioners.

The first of these events will be attended with very happy consequences to the Union in general, and in particular to the patriotic

citizens of a sister State, whose sufferings have only been exceeded by their virtue.

The second is highly interesting in every point of view. The peaceable and conclusive settlement of a dispute between two such powerful sovereign States, concerning a large and valuable territory, and the jurisdiction over it, casts a light upon the American character, the martial spirit of which has been fully and recently displayed, that must attract the attention and esteem of the world.

This uncommon occurrence will furnish to the good and wise a pleasing page in the mournful history of human discords, and we fervently wish, for the repose of mankind, it may be deemed worthy of imitation.

It reflects great honor also on the confederation by yielding a memorable proof of its political energy, having been accomplished in the mode thereby prescribed, and strengthens the bands of the Union, by evincing that it is the best protection against internal mischiefs, as well as against external dangers. Thus the fears of the apprehensive who expected, and the hopes of the disaffected who wished for confusions, are dissipated, and an agreeable presage is formed of the like salutary effects attending similar contests in future, which cannot fail of giving the firmest stability to the whole system of our affairs. By such a temper and conduct, the United States will exhibit a very singular and truly dignified example of a people who have wisdom and virtue enough not to waste in civil convulsions, the happiness and glory acquired by a successful opposition to their foreign enemies, the fatal gulf in which so many nations have been lost.

This determination will be of the utmost importance to the prosperity of Pennsylvania, if all the benefits are derived from it that probably may be obtained by a prudent management.

We have issued a proclamation for preserving peace, and for quieting the minds of the people, on the lands lately disputed, a copy of which, together with other papers relating to this affair, shall be immediately sent. We rely on the Legislature that such farther measures will be adopted as shall be most advisable, for improving the decision that has been made to the best advantage.

The Secretary will lay before you, gentlemen, letters from the Minister of France, of the tenth and nineteenth instant, from the Commander-in-Chief of the twelfth, from the Financier of the twentieth, from the Secretary of War of the seventh of November and eleventh of December, from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the twenty-third, from the Commissioners for the defence of the navigation in the bay and river Delaware of the thirteenth, and from the Commissioners for the city and county of Philadelphia of the nineteenth of the same month.

The most important intelligence we have received relates to the negotiations at Paris. When all circumstances respecting them are deliberately weighed and compared with past transactions, it re-

mains utterly uncertain what the conclusion will be. Policy dictates but a single resolution on the part of America, and that is to make strenuous efforts for continuing the war.

We have judged it our duty to exert all the powers with which we are invested for compleating the line of this State to three regiments of Infantry, besides the Artillery and Dragoons, by the opening of the next campaign, as will appear by our act of the tenth of December last, herewith transmitted. An act of Congress of the thirty-first of December on that head.

We shall sincerely rejoice if these intentions can be carried into execution in time, as the line will be rendered more respectable, and several valuable and experienced officers will be employed.

Before we quit this subject, we cannot forbear mentioning with the tenderest concern, the case of retiring officers of our line. After bravely and patiently encountering every danger and difficulty for many years in the cause of their country, their former methods of life totally deranged, their fortunes injured or exhausted, their constitutions, in many instances, impaired, to be thrown unpaid and unprovided for upon experiments for the subsistence of themselves and their families, must be deeply distressing to persons who feel any sentiments of gratitude and benevolence. Permit us to recommend them in the warmest manner to your Honourable body.

From some late proceedings, it appears too probable, unless the National Council can happily devise some effectual mode of removing difficulties, that a necessity will succeed of satisfying the demands of Justice and humanity, on a more divided, and perhaps, less politic plan, than has been wished for and attempted.

In whatever manner those and other exigencies are to be answered, it is essential to the welfare of the Commonwealth that the affairs of revenue should, with all possible dispatch, be placed in the clearest order, and fixed on a perfectly economical arrangement. To lay a solid foundation for subsequent operations, it is absolutely necessary that all former accounts and past expenditures of publick monies should be speedily adjusted. These, and all that shall follow, should be laid before our constituents immediately, as they are respectively adjusted, and with as much particularity as the nature of them will admit. A free people have a right to see them and to judge of them. By such means their entire confidence in publick measures will be gained; and they will not only bear, but be pleased to bear, their several shares of publick burthens, when they find that what they pay is quickly and truly accounted for, and has been faithfully and prudently applied to their service. This, we are convinced, is the generous disposition of the people of Pennsylvania. Such regulations tend directly to the establishment of publick credit on a firm basis. Another step towards it is not to suffer those to be disappointed who have relied upon the faith of the State. This observation reminds us of the officers and soldiers

who have retained their certificates, and we earnestly wish the Legislature to consider whether it will not be, as it appears clearly to us, just, and taking into view circumstances that may hereafter occur, expedient to make a distinction between such officers and soldiers, and their executors and administrators, and the holders of certificates by purchase. We apprehend that this distinction will produce exceedingly extensive and beneficial consequences.

The selection of taxes, and equality in laying them, are matters of vast moment. The former of these objects employed the thoughts of the late Assembly for some time. Both of them deserve a most serious investigation.

We have made several promotions in pursuance of the act of Congress of the twentieth of last November, and have directed a copy of our order thereon to be communicated.

The distresses of the marine prisoners belonging to this State, at New York, engaged our early and careful attention. And we have the pleasure to inform you that a flag vessel has arrived there from this port, with two hundred barrels of flour and other articles for their relief. The Secretary will present to you three letters respecting this business.

From a desire to give as much efficacy as we could to your good intentions, we have sent a large number of copies of the act intitled "An Act to prevent the erecting any new and independent State within the limits of this Commonwealth," and of the bill intitled "An act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representatives, and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally at the end of the war," by gentlemen of reputation, to the counties of Bedford, Westmoreland, and Washington, to be distributed among the inhabitants.

The laws require amendments in several instances. A just respect for the interests of his Most Christian Majesty induces us, in the first place, earnestly to recommend the passing as soon as it can be done, and act for preventing the desertion of French sailors from the vessels to which they belong, and for punishing who shall encourage such desertion.

The acts now existing that relate to this point are very defective.

This city is now become a place of such resort, which seems to be daily increasing, that we request the General Assembly to deliberate on the establishment of a compleat police for its government.

We should be glad if the collection of taxes and fines could be made easier and less expensive, and if irregular and oppressive proceedings therein, which we have reason to believe too often have happened, could be prevented.

The militia laws should be reduced into one act. They require great alteration, for rendering them more efficient and less expensive. It appears to be a hardship upon retiring officers who continue in some measure annexed to the army, and other circumstances being considered, that they should be liable to common militia duties.

We think it extremely proper that acts should also be passed for making the decisions on references by rule of court, more similar to trials by jury; for quieting titles after long possession; for preventing unnecessary county expenses; and for regulating fees and preventing extortion. An act for this last purpose should be drawn with such precision as to take away all evasions from offenders, and so generally made known that the innocent may not be preyed upon by their ignorance of the injuries done them.

Gentlemen—We judged it sufficient thus briefly to suggest our ideas. If they are thought proper to receive such improvements as your wisdom can give them, we shall be amply rewarded for our care by your approbation, and by the benefits which, in consequence, will be conveyed to our fellow citizens.

JOHN DICKINSON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philadelphia, January 23rd, 1783.

Ordered, That the Secretary present the said message, with the papers therein mentioned, to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Christopher Wigbner to go to Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, with one team, loaded with iron, and to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, January 25, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper, } Esquires.
John Van Campen, James Cunningham, }

The resolves of Congress of this day, respecting the goods imported in the ship Amazon, being read; on consideration,

Ordered, That agreeably thereto, Mr. John Purviance, of this city, merchant, be appointed to examine, in conjunction with such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Assistant Secre-

tary at War, such of the said goods as have not been delivered to the British or German prisoners of war, and that he be requested to undertake it accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, James Cunningham, John Van Campen, John Piper, } Esquires.

The resignation of Mr. John Purviance of his appointment to examine British goods and merchandize of the twenty-fifth instant, was received and read, and the same was accepted.

The resolves of Congress of the twenty-fourth instant, respecting goods imported in the ship Amazon, being read; on consideration,

Ordered, That agreeably thereto, Alexander Boyd, Esquire, be appointed to examine, in conjunction with such persons as shall be appointed by the Assistant Secretary at War, such of the said goods as have not been delivered to the British or German prisoners of war, and that he be requested to undertake it accordingly.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favour of the Honorable George Clymer, for four hundred and eighty-eight pounds in specie, in full for his attendance in Congress as a delegate for this State from November, 1781, till November, 1782.

Ordered, That the Secretary call upon Mr. Rittenhouse, and request him to inform the Council what deficiencies there are in the payment of monies arising from the last sale of city lots.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, January 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Van Campen, James Cunningham, James Potter, John Piper, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

A letter from Brigadier General Irvine, dated Fort Pitt, January the 1st, 1783, inclosing his accounts of the money sent to him by

the hands of Colonel Carnaghan, by which it appears that the sum of twenty-one pounds eleven shillings and three pence had been expended by him in small unavoidable expences; that the sum of two hundred and thirty-six pounds and seven shillings had been expended in provisions, which sums was to be transferred to account of the contractor, and that there remained in his hands, subject to the draft of Robert Morris, Esquire, Financier General, according to order of Council, the sum of twelve hundred and twenty-four pounds six shillings and ten pence.

A certificate that Ensign James Gamble was intitled to a first Lieutenant's commission, bearing date the first day of January, 1781, signed by Colonel Humpton, and a certificate, signed by Colonel Andrew Porter, that the granting to Ensign Gamble the said commission, and bearing the said date, will not interfere with the Lieutenants belonging to the regiment, were read; whereupon,

Ordered, That notwithstanding the order of this Board of the twenty-fourth of December last, it be now recommended to the Secretary at War to date the commission of first Lieutenant to Mr. Gamble on the first day of January, 1781.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Marsteller, Esquire, Paymaster of the county of Lancaster, for the sum of two thousand pounds specie, out of the monies arising from militia fines in the said county, for the purpose of paying the militia of the said county of Lancaster.

Ordered, That the complaints against Matthew Smith, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland, be heard to-morrow at eleven o'clock; that notice be given to Mr. Smith and Mr. Buyers; that they be informed counsel will be allowed, and that witnesses named by either party will be summoned by Council at their request.

An account of Doctor Joseph Eaker being read, was referred to the Comptroller General, who is requested to consult Doctor Hutchinson as to the charges thereupon.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, January 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Sebastian Levan,	Esquires.
John Van Campen,	James Cunningham,	
John Piper,	James Potter,	

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to Act of Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller General is to account.

The petition of Peter Dill, convicted of felony in stealing one sorrel gelding, at a Court of General QuarterSessions of the Peace held at Carlisle for the county of Cumberland, in April last, was read, praying remission of his fine; on consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Peter Dill be remitted.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Council agreed to proceed to hear the charges against Matthew Smith, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland, as to misbehaviour in his office, and irregularity of behaviour; whereupon,

Matthew Smith, Esquire, and John Buyers, Esquire, appearing, and the resolve of Council of the tenth of December last being read, Mr. Buyers prayed a further day, he not being prepared to prosecute.

Mr. Smith, by his attorney, read a letter from Mr. Buyers, upon the subject matter of the prosecution, declared himself ready for his defence, and prayed the cause might be now heard and determined; stating the case of the alteration of the record, as having been done in open Court, in the settling of the docket, with the consent of the attorney of the plaintiff, and in the hand-writing of the practising attorneys of the Court, which fact he was ready now to support. Mr. Buyers read a letter from Mr. Smith.

The parties having withdrawn, the Council conferred on the proposed further day of hearing.

General Potter informed the Council that he had on the eighteenth day of December, delivered to the parties the order of Council of the tenth day of December, that he stood well informed a

day had been appointed to hear the witnesses, and Mr. Buyers not being then ready, a further day was also appointed, and such depositions taken as were then offered. On consideration,

Ordered, That the reasons assigned by Mr. Buyers, for his request of a further day, were insufficient, and therefore, that if Mr. Smith insisted on the hearing being now had, the Council will proceed therein. But that it would be proper to propose to the consideration of Mr. Smith, how far it will be his interest to proceed at this time, the whole case considered.

The parties being called in, the said order of Council was delivered to them by the President.

Mr. Smith retired with his counsel, and returned, prayed the Council would proceed, as the distance at which he lived was very great, and the expence considerable; and the income of his office not being sufficient to enable him to employ a clerk, the business must of course stand still in his absence. And he conceived the whole facts would clearly appear from the evidence he should produce, to the satisfaction of the Board.

The entry of the suit against William Maclay, Esquire, was then read, and a case of false entry, and the evidence on both sides heard. The case of a former entry was opened.

The President then stated the charge of irregularity of behaviour. Mr. Buyers said that not being prepared, he did not chuse to say anything to this charge.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, January 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, James Cunningham, John Van Campen, James Potter, John Piper, } Esquires.

Ordered, That the Secretary desire the Treasurer to lay before Council an account of all fines received by him since the twenty-first day of June, 1781, particularizing the sums, names of the persons from whom received, and the times of payment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request Colonel Richard Humpton to report to Council, with all convenient dispatch, the present state of the recruiting service.

The Council resumed the consideration of the complaint against Colonel Matthew Smith, for misbehaviour in his office of Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said complaint be dismissed, it being the unanimous opinion of this Council that the charge against Mr. Smith, of misbehaviour in his office, is not well supported.

The Council resumed the consideration of the case of Anne Martin, confined in the old gaol, convicted of bigamy, and sentenced to be publickly whipp'd and imprisoned during her life; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the punishment of whipping be remitted.

The petition of Jacob Snyder, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Lancaster, in aiding British prisoners to escape, praying this Board to take his case into consideration, and remit such part of his fine as may be deemed fit and proper; a recommendation from the Honorable Chief Justice being also read; on consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fine due to the State be remitted.

A petition from Joshua Evans, in behalf of himself and his brother Joel Evans, setting forth their claim to two city lots, appurtenant to the original purchase of Henry Wright and Rees Redrah, and praying that the same may be laid out, was read.

Ordered, That the said petition be sent to the Surveyor General, and that he be directed to examine the records of his office respecting the said claim, and report to Council thereon as soon as may be.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 31st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
George Wall,	James Potter,	
John Van Campen,	John M'Dowell,	

Ordered, That the Secretary write to John William Annis and Jacob Bunner, and request their attendance in Council to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, on publick business.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneyder, for the sum of fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, amount of his account for wages as Door-keeper till thirty-first day of January, 1783, and sundry small expences for newspapers.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.
The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
Sebastian Levan,	James Potter,	
John Van Campen,	John McDowell,	
James Cunningham,		

The Council taking into consideration the case of Egidius Wand, Emanuel Casher, and Haunce Scoffield, now confined in the old gaol;

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Egidius Wand, Emanuel Casher, and Haunce Scoffield, be remitted.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General, was read and approved; and thereupon.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, for thirty-seven pounds six shillings and seven pence specie, ballance of his account of monies paid by him towards defraying the half part of the pay of the Commissioners in the late controversy between this State and the State of Connecticut, and the expences of the Agents and Solicitor of this State in the said controversy.

The report of the said Comptroller General on the account of Philip Marsteller, Esquire, was read and approved.

On application,

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer of the State, vizt:

In favour of Mr. Francis Bailey, and Captain James Lang, for fifteen shillings specie, ballance of their account for bringing State prisoners from Virginia to Lancaster, in the year 1778, agreeable to order of Council dated in April, 1778.

In favour of the Honourable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds five shillings, amount of his account for his attendance in Council from the first day of December, 1782, till the thirty-first day of January, 1783, inclusive.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to John Fisher, to go to Hackinsack, in the State of New Jersey, and to return.

A committee of conference from the General Assembly, respecting the recruiting service, attended in Council, and a conference was thereupon had.

A committee of conference from the General Assembly, respecting the Wyoming lands, and guards being removed by his Excellency General Washington, attended in Council, and a free conference being had, it appeared to be the unanimous sentiment that two gentlemen be appointed on the part of the committee of the House, and two gentlemen on the part of the Council, to confer together on the subject, and digest the sentiments which have been expressed thereupon. On the part of the committee, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Hill, were named; on the part of Council, the Vice President and General Irvine. It appeared to be the unanimous sense of the gentlemen in conference, that Captain Shrawder's and Captain Robinson's companies of Rangers be sent to Wyoming as soon as possible, to replace the guards removed by General Washington.

A petition from Arthur Helme, praying a restoration of certain merchandize forfeited to the State, was read. On consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Judges before whom the cause was tried, for their opinion, whether the evidence thereon afforded reason to believe that Arthur Helme was privy to any fraud in the manner of introducing the goods from New York.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
George Wall,	John Van Campen,	
John McDowell,	James Cunningham,	

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Holmes be requested to attend in the Council chamber to-morrow forenoon, at eleven o'clock, on business respecting his petition, now before the Board.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honorable Samuel John Atlee, for two hundred and thirty-eight pounds fourteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Congress till the twenty-eighth day of October, 1782, and his mileage.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of Daniel Evans, for smith's work, for the use of the State, in the year 1777, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honourable James Irvine, John Van Campen, George Wall, James Cunningham, John Piper, John McDowell, } Esquires.

Thomas Holmes attended in Council agreeable to order of yesterday; Doctor James Tate also attended; and Mr. Holmes being examined respecting misconduct and unfairness in the sale of Alexander Bartram's estate, in Bucks county, as set forth in his petition to this Board, declared he was not present at the sale, nor did he know of any unfair practices, but that he was deceived by the person employed by him to purchase, and then withdrew; whereupon,

The Council taking the said petition into consideration,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mary Gilbert, to go to New York, by the way of Dobb's ferry, and to return again.

This day being appointed for the meeting of the Board of Property, (having been postponed from yesterday,) the Honourable the Vice President, and Doctor John McDowell, agreed to meet the other members of the said Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, James Cunningham, John McDowell, John Piper, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Penn-

sylvania line, agreeable to act of General Assembly of the thirteenth day of April last, for which sum of five hundred pounds the said Comptroller is to account.

A petition from Joseph Jeanes, praying permission to go to New York, and from thence to Nova Scotia, was read, and rejected.

A petition from Hanse Baker, praying a pass to New York, from thence to Nova Scotia, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Hance Baker to go to New York, on condition that he give security in the sum of five hundred pounds not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
James Cunningham,	John M'Dowell,	
John Van Campen,	Sebastian Levan,	

A petition from Samuel Castner, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Philadelphia, praying Council to take his case into consideration, and grant him some relief, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fine due to the State be remitted, in consideration of his poverty and a numerous family.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Hon'ble the Vice President.

Hon'ble James Irvine,	James Cunningham,	Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	John Piper,	
Sebastian Levan,	James Potter,	

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, being one quarter's salary due to him as Vice President and ending this day.

In favour of the Honourable John M'Dowell, Esquire, for twenty-five pounds specie, to be paid to the Reverend James Finley, for bearing his expences to the western frontiers, on publick business, and returning, agreeable to resolution of General Assembly of the nineteenth of November last, for which Mr. Finley is to account.

A petition from Israel Myers, praying a pass to New York for himself and family and to return again, was read and rejected.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Irvine, for five hundred and fifty pounds specie, in part of his account for his pay and rations as Brigadier General of Militia, for his services, and during his captivity, from August 1777 'till September, 1781, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines in this State. Vide pa—of the minutes of Council.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Benjamin Knouse to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Arthur Helme, praying a restoration of certain merchandize forfeited to the use of the State; and also took into consideration a report from the Judges of the Supreme Court in the said case; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the petition of the said Arthur Helme be unanimously rejected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper, James Cunningham, John M'Dowell, James Potter, } Esquires.

A letter from Thomas Forrest, requesting a re-hearing of a certain claim to city lots. On consideration,

Ordered, That Thursday, the thirteenth instant, at eleven o'clock, be appointed for a further hearing the claim of Thomas Forrest; that the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, and the Attorney General have notice thereof; and that they be requested to attend in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Delaney, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hill, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council in conference on the subject of the necessity of a supply of money for compleating the

Pennsylvania line, so as to form three regiments before the first day of March, the fund appropriated for that purpose, altho' good, not being likely to be productive in so short a time.

The reports of the Comptroller General on the following accounts were read, vizt:

The account of Major William Alexander, for recruiting.
of David Rittenhouse and Samuel Preston Moore, Trustees of the Loan Office.

And on consideration, the same were approved.

A petition from Jacob Bowman, setting forth that he is likely to be sued by the Attorney General for fifty pounds specie, due on bond, to the estate of Christopher Saur, an attainted traytor, which is now forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth, and praying that the same may be suspended. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General, and he be requested to inform Council whether he has any weighty objections against suspending the suit therein mentioned.

The petition of Rachel Hamer, wife of John Hamer, praying remission of a certain fine, &c., was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to the State and corporal punishment, be remitted.

The petition of George Davis, convicted of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, in October last, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted.

A petition from Margaret Iseet, convicted of larceny at Carlisle, in the county of Cumberland, was read, praying remission of her fine and corporal punishment. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State and her corporal punishment, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John M'Dowell,	Esquires.
James Cunningham,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,	Dorset Pentecost,	

The reports of the Comptroller General on the following accounts, were read, vizt:

The account of James Johnston, Esquire, late Sheriff of the county of Cumberland.

Of John Van Campen, Esquire.

Of Doctor Francis Smith, for medicine furnished to Captain Philip Schrawder's company of Rangers.

On consideration,

The said reports were approved.

A letter from his Excellency General Washington, of the fourth instant, respecting the enemy's having put a stop to the incursions of the savages, was read; and

Ordered, That it be laid before the General Assembly.

A letter from his Excellency Elias Boudinott, Esq'r, President of Congress, of the eighth of February instant, informing Council of the ratification of the treaty between their High Mightinesses, the States General of the United Netherlands and the United States of North America by Congress, and inclosing ten copies of the same, was read; and

Ordered, That it be laid before the General Assembly, with the papers inclosed.

A petition from James Boyd, Esquire, setting forth that an action of damages hath been brought in the county of Northampton, against him, for a horse taken from the enemy in the year 1777, which horse he understood, at the time, to be lawful prize, and praying some relief, was read and rejected, as improper for the Board to determine upon.

A petition from Martin Urner, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments, in aiding British prisoners to escape, in the county of Chester, praying Council to take his case into consideration, and grant him some relief, was read, together with the record of his conviction, and a recommendation in his behalf. On consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition be rejected unanimously.

A petition from Susanna Longacre, convicted of the like offence in the said county, was read, together with a record of her conviction and recommendation as aforesaid. On consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fines due to the State from the said Susanna Longacre, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, John McDowell, John Piper, John Van Campen, Dorset Pentecost, James Potter, } Esquires.

A letter from Captain Thomas Robinson, of the Northumberland county company of Rangers, of the twentieth of January last, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That two months' pay be advanced to the wife of —— Carothers, a soldier belonging to Captain Robinson, and now a prisoner with the enemy, and that the remainder of thirty-two pounds ten shillings, in the hands of William Montgomery, be paid to Captain Robinson, for which he is to account.

A memorial from Colonel William Coates and Colonel Robert Lollar, of the county of Philadelphia, respecting the payment of the seven months' men in State money, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said memorial be laid before the General Assembly.

A petition from Griffith Levering, praying a pass to go to Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, and to return again, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be granted.

A report from the Comptroller General, on the account of Mr. William Attmore, for ground rent, was read and approved; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. William Attmore, for one hundred and fifteen pounds ten shillings specie, in full of his account for rent due to him for the lot of ground whereon is situate the State Mansion House, 'till the first day of December, 1782.

A memorial from Richard Wells, in behalf of himself and others, heirs of Richard Hill, deceased, praying Council to revive the business of their claims to sundry city lots, as the season is approaching for improving the same, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Thursday next, at twelve o'clock, be appointed for a further consideration of the said claims, and that the memorialists be notified thereof.

A letter from Colonel Richard Butler, of the ninth instant, inclosing a list of deserters from the detachment commanded by him, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said list be transmitted to Colonel Richard Butler, and that he be requested to advertize a reward of three dollars for apprehending each of them.

A letter from Major General Sinclair, of the tenth instant, inclosing an arrangement of the Light Dragoons, and a return from Colonel Moylan, was read.

The record of conviction of and sentence of death upon Kemble Stackhouse, Lot Subzey, Luz Subzey, John Dorset, and Samuel John Freeman, alias Samuel Nurich, was read.

The following petitions were also read, to wit:

Letter from Michael Hillegas, of the tenth of January.
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Petition of Mary Stackhouse in behalf of her son.
Certificate of do. do. do. do.
Answer by the Judges to the queries proposed by the Council.
Memorial of Daniel Broadhead, Junior.

And their cases respectively being considered, it was

Ordered, That execution be done on the said Kemble Stackhouse, Lot Subzey, Luz Subzey, John Dorset, and Samuel John Freeman, alias Samuel Nurich, on Saturday next, the fifteenth instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	James Potter,	
John Van Campen,	Dorset Pentecost,	

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania

line, agreeable to act of General Assembly passed the thirteenth of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

A petition from Josiah Wood, for a pass to New York, was read and rejected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	James Potter,	Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	Dorset Pentecost,	
John Van Campen,	James Cunningham,	
John Piper,		

Thomas Forrest attended, according to order of the day, and the Council proceeded to hear the claims, and having spent some time therein, adjourned the further hearing 'till to-morrow.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Major General Arthur Sinclair, conveying a lot of ground, containing in front sixty feet, and in depth three hundred feet, situate in Pottstown, in the township of Douglass and county of Philadelphia: Seized and sold agreeable to law, as the forfeited estate of John Potts, an attainted traytor, for the sum of six thousand seven hundred pounds, Continental money, which sum the said Arthur Sinclair hath paid to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the said county. Deed dated twenty-first day of December, 1782.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to William Turnbull, conveying lots No. 24 and 25, on the State Island, the former containing seven acres and seventy-eight perches, and the latter six acres and one hundred perches, sold agreeably to law, for the sum of eight hundred pounds and two shillings, of the bills of credit of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Deed dated the twenty-first day of December, 1782.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, which lots are

marked and numbered in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, two wit:

To John Dunlap, for lots numbered from 1463 to 1467, inclusive. Consideration £164.
do. do. from 1447 to 1452, inclusive. Consideration £192.
do. do. from 1574 to 1575 Consideration £246.
James Gallagher, do. from 913 to 919, inclusive. Consideration £116.
William Semple, from 220 to 226, inclusive. Consideration £525.
Deed dated 21st of December, 1782.

Deeds dated 31st January, 1783.

Andrew Epple, do. marked T and U. Consideration £375.
John Hood, for lot No. 910. Consideration £15.
Thoman Rice, do. from 911 to 912. Consideration £33.
Joseph Ogden, do 1772 & 1773, do. £320.
Charles Miller, do. from 1220 to 1225, inc., do. £183.

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All which sums the persons above mentioned have paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, John Piper, John McDowell, Dorsey Pentecost, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

The Council took into consideration the case of John Dorset, now confined in the old gaol, under sentence for burglary; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a reprieve be granted to the said John Dorset, for the space of thirty days from the date hereof, any warrant of execution to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Council proceeded to hear the claim of Thomas Forrest, and having some time therein, it appears, that on behalf of himself and others, heirs of John Whitpaine, formerly of the city of Philadelphia, he claims one-third part of the city lotts appurtenant to the following original purchases, vizt:

Fifteen hundred acres, granted to Samuel Fox, 25th of January, 1681, and by him conveyed to Richard Whitpaine, 9th of January, 1685.

One thousand acres, granted to James Claypoole, 30th of April, 1783, and by him conveyed to John Marsh, and by John Marsh to Richard Whitpaine.

One thousand acres, part of six thousand acres granted to Charles Marshall and company, and by him conveyed to Richard Whitpaine, the 2nd of the 6th month, 1683.

One thousand acres, granted to Charles Marshall, and by him conveyed to Mary Davis, 29th of January, 1682, and by Mary Davis to Richard Whitpaine, 25th of August, 1684.

Ordered, That the Surveyor General and Secretary of the Land Office, do report, as soon as may be, whether the said rights have been satisfied, and if they have not, to report such facts as appear relative to the said claim.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, John Van Campen, John Piper, James Cunningham, Dorsey Pentecost, } Esquires.

The report of the Comptroller on the account of John Cannon, Contractor for provisions in Washington county, was read and approved.

On consideration,

Ordered, That passes to Isaac Moses, Merchant, and Christiana M'Nair, to go to New York by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for twenty-five pounds specie, for paying the workmen employed by him in repairing arms for the use of the State, for which he is to account.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Colonel John Cannon, for ninety-five pounds six shillings, ballance of his account for rations furnished to the militia and rangers in Washington county, from February 1782, till February 1783.

A petition from Margaret Hartsbock, praying a hearing before the Council respecting one hundred and fifty pounds, due from her to the estate of Christopher Saur, now forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be sent to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in the county of Philadelphia, and that they be directed to report on the case.

The Council took into consideration the case of Luz Subzey, now confined in the old gaol, under sentence of death, for burglary; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a reprieve be granted to the said Luz Subzey for the space of thirty days from the date hereof, any warrant of execution to the contrary notwithstanding.

A letter from John Hannum of the fourteenth instant, respecting Hogg Island, was read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	James Potter,	
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
James Cunningham,		

A letter from Andrew Lyttle of the seventeenth instant, and sundry papers inclosed, were received and read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That Lieutenant Andrew Lyttle's accounts be referred to the Comptroller General, and that he be recommended to adjust the same, allowing Lieutenant Lyttle fifty dollars per month, de-

ducting his pay as Lieutenant, but the charge to the Serjeants is not approved.

A letter from George Woods, Esquire, of this day, was read, requesting that a petition, and sundry depositions accompanying the same, respecting the conduct of Charles Cessna, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases for Bedford county, laid before Council in June, 1782, may be transmitted to the Speaker of the Honorable House of Assembly; thereupon,

Ordered, That Colonel Woods be informed that the petition and depositions aforesaid shall be delivered to the House, if requested so to be.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to James A. Stewart to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	James Potter,	
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,	

Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. Steinmetz, Mr. W. Montgomery, Mr. G. Gray, Mr. Delany, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council and requested a conference with Council respecting the seizure of certain British goods and merchandize, and a condemnation of the same, in the county of Chester, and a conference was had accordingly.

Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. Hill, Mr. Rush, Mr. S. C. Morris, and Mr. Atlee, a committee of the General Assembly, attended, and requested a further conference with Council on the subject of the lands at Wyoming, settled by people from Connecticut; and after some time spent thereon, it was agreed to nominate a committee on the part of Council, and a committee on the part of the committee attending, to amend the report agreed upon at the former conference, and report; and thereupon, the Honorable the Vice President and General Irvine were nominated on the part of the Council, and Mr. Hill and Mr. Montgomery on the part of the committee.

Samuel Preston Moore and Richard Wells attending, the Council, according to the order of the day, proceeded to hear their claims to city lots, &c., and some time being spent thereon, the Council adjourned the hearing thereupon.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of John and Richard Flower, for rent of a house in Marcus Hook, while occupied by Colonel Miles' regiment, in the year 1776, was read and approved.

A letter from Reverend Peter Miller, of Lancaster county, respecting the case of Henry Martin and Christian Weaver, convicted of misdemeanors in the said county, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	James Cunningham,	
John Van Campen,	James Potter,	
John Piper,		

An account of John Patterson, for his services in issuing arms, ammunition, and provisions to the militia on the frontiers of Northampton county, was laid before the Board, and read, together with Colonel Robert Lever's certificate thereon.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Comptroller General to allow John Patterson one dollar per day, and that the account, in other respects, be settled according to the Comptroller's office.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of Lieutenant Andrew Lyttle, for issuing refreshments to the Pennsylvania line, in the year 1780, was read and approved.

A letter from Alexander McClean, Esquire, inclosing a report of the proceedings of himself and the Commissioners on the part of the State of Virginia, appointed to run the line between this State and the State of Virginia, was read, and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council met.

Thursday, February the 20th, 1783

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,	} Esquires.
John McDowell,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,	James Cunningham,	

A petition from Joseph Roberts, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Philadelphia, praying remission of his fine, was read, and the same was dismissed.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of Lieutenant Andrew Lyttle, of stores received and delivered to the Pennsylvania line in the year 1780, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Jonas Philips to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to James Collins to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Hannah Levy to go to New York by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and not to return again during the continuance of the present war.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant Andrew Lyttle, for eighty-nine pounds one shilling and two pence, ballance of his account for his services in issuing stores to the Pennsylvania line, in the year 1780.

A petition from Joseph Tyson, convicted of misdemeanor upon three indictments in the county of Philadelphia, was read, praying remission of his fines: The record of his conviction, and a recommendation from the Honorable the Chief Justice, in his behalf, were also read. On consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Joseph Tyson be remitted.

A petition from Edmund Dyer, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Lancaster, praying remission of his fine, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the State be remitted.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Solomon Pendleton to go to Charlestown, in the State of South Carolina, and to return again.

General Mifflin, Richard Peters, Thomas Fitzimmons, and John Montgomery, delegates in Congress for this State, and Mr. Delany, Mr. Steinmentz, and Mr. Joseph Montgomery, a committee of the

General Assembly, attended in Council, and a conference was had respecting certain goods imported in the ship Amazon for the use of the British prisoners in this State, and lately seized in Chester county.

The petition of Henry Martin, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments in the county of Lancaster, for aiding British prisoners to escape, was read: The record of his conviction, and a recommendation in his behalf, were also read, and the Council having considered his case,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Henry Martin, be remitted.

The petition of Christian Weaver, convicted of the like offence in the said county, praying remission of his fines, was read, together with the record of his conviction and recommendation aforesaid. On consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Christian Weaver, be remitted.

The petition of Christian Carpenter, convicted of the like offence in the said county, praying remission of his fines, was read, together with the record of his conviction and a recommendation as aforesaid. On consideration,

Ordered, That one-third of the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Christian Carpenter, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, James Cunningham, John M'Dowell, John Piper, John Van Campen, Dorsey Pentecost, } Esquires.

Mr. Woods, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Ashmead, a committee of the General Assembly, appointed to confer with the President and Council on the cases of Mr. Pentecost and Mr. Cannon, attended in Council with several papers relative thereto; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Cunningham and Doctor M'Dowell be a committee to examine the said papers in conjunction with the said committee, and report thereon.

A letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the twentieth of February, 1783, respecting goods seized in the county of Chester, and imported in the ship Amazon, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

A petition from Jesse Judah and Benjamin S. Judah, praying a pass to New York for Benjamin S. Judah, and permission to return, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Benjamin S. Judah to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A resolution of the General Assembly of the twentieth instant, relating to the conduct of Charles Cessna, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Bedford, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the petition and depositions laid before Council in June, 1782, be now transmitted to the Speaker of the General Assembly, to be laid before the House.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, February 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, John M'Dowell, John Van Campen, James Cunningham, John Piper, James Potter, Dorsey Pentecost, } Esquires.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to James and John M'Culloh, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from Anne Allen, in behalf of her husband, John Allen, convicted of misdemeanors, in the county of Chester, in aiding British prisoners to escape, was read, together with a recommendation from the Honorable George Bryan, Esquire, in his behalf. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State and punishment of whipping, be remitted.

A petition from Jacob Livergood, Junior, convicted of forgery in the county of Berks, was read, praying remission of his corporal punishment. On consideration,

Ordered, That the execution of the sentence of the court against the said Jacob Livergood, Jun'r, for the said offence, as to his "standing in and on the pillory for the space of one hour, on Saturday the first day of March next," be suspended for and during the term of sixty days from the date hereof, and that he be reprieved for the term aforesaid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, John Piper,
John Van Campen, James Cunningham, } Esquires.
Dorsey Pentecost, John M'Dowell,

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of William Henry, Esquire, of Lancaster, for arms delivered agreeable to order of Major General Potter, was read and approved; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in his favour, for sixty-nine pounds ten shillings and five pence, balance of the said account.

A resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-fourth instant, was received and read, requesting Council to lay before the House, all the vouchers and receipts in their possession respecting Charles Cessna, Esquire, a member of the House, and late Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Bedford.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Jacob Morgan, Junior, late Superintendant of the Commissioners of Purchase, be directed to furnish Council with the vouchers and receipts above mentioned, in order that the same may be laid before the House.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of James Smith, Esquire, for two thousand six hundred and sixty-five pounds eighteen shillings and four pence specie, with interest for the same from the first day of February, 1781, and costs of suit, out of the monies appropriated for the payment of the Purchasing Commissioners of this State, the same being for cattle purchased from him by Samuel Lyon, Esq'r, of Cumberland county, agreeable to resolution of the General Assembly of the

A letter from the Financier General of the United States of the twenty-second instant, inclosing certain acts and orders of Congress of the twelfth, seventeenth and eighteenth of February instant, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

The report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of Adam Hubley, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, from April, 1781, till January, 1782, together with the Comptroller General's reports on the accounts of John Huber, John Barber, William Smith, William Steel, William Kelly, Abraham Dehuff, Robert Clark, John Hopkins and Maxwell Chambers, Esquires, Sub-Lieutenants of the said county, connected with the said Hub-

ley's accounts, being read, were approved, by which it appears that there is due from said Hubley to the State, five pounds eight shillings and seven pence State money, and three pounds specie.

A letter from the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, mentioning the following robberies as having been committed on several Collectors of the said county, vizt:

Isaac Humphrey, Upper Dublin; John Hoodt, Gwinedth; William Broades, Lower Merion; Morris Davey, Franconia; Samuel Dehaven, Horsham; John Sherer, Whitpaine; Henry Conrad, do.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

Mr. Wall reports that the following robberies were said to be committed in Bucks county, vizt:

Daniel Hough, Solebury, Taxes; Joseph Dyer, Plumstead, Taxes; Jonathan Stout, Tinicum; military fines.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, February 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	James Cunningham,	Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	John Van Campen,	
Dorsey Pentecost,	George Wall,	
John Piper,	James Potter.	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

An order was drawn in favour of John Clarke, on Samuel Lyons, late Commissioner of Purchases in Cumberland county, for eighty pounds specie, out of the money arising from the sale of grain belonging to the State now in his possession, or if the money cannot be had, in so much of the said grain as at the market price shall amount to the said sum, to be charged to the said John Clarke, in part of his account for provisions furnished for the use of the army.

A pass was granted to Charles Jones to go into the city of New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return by the way of the West Indies.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of Mark Wilcox, for writing paper seized in the county of Chester in the year 1777, and made use of by Council, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, February 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	George Wall,	Esq'rs.
James Cunningham,	John Van Campen,	
Sebastian Levan,	John Piper,	
Dorsey Pentecost,	James Potter,	

A letter from Alexander McClean, Esquire, of the twenty-fifth instant, informing Council of two tracts of land in Westmoreland county, one containing two hundred and seventy acres, and the other containing one hundred and thirty acres, which he has reason to believe, is the estate late of Anthony Yeldall, an attainted traytor, and now forfeited to the use of the Commonwealth, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. McClean be requested to furnish Council with drafts of the said lands.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mary Eddy to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from Christopher Painter, convicted of stealing a mare in the county of Berks, and sentenced to be pillored, cropped and whipped, praying remission of his punishment,

Ordered, That the punishment of Christopher Painter as to standing in the pillory and cropping of his ears, be remitted.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Nicholas Low to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from David Norman, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Philadelphia, for harbouring and aiding British prisoners to escape, was read; and on consideration, the same was dismissed.

A petition from Israel Doan, confined in the gaol of the county of Bucks, praying remission of his fine, and to be discharged from confinement, was read; and on consideration, the said petition was dismissed

A petition from William Moland, an attainted traytor, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, James Cunningham, John Piper, John Van Campen, Dorsey Pentecost, } Esquires.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of John Patton, Francis Gurney and William Allibone, Commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware, for fitting out a flag and lading her with supplies for the prisoners belonging to this State at New York, agreeable to resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-sixth of November last, was read, and approved; and thereupon,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in their favour for one hundred and seventy-four pounds five shillings and five pence specie, ballance of the said account.

A petition from Casper Bittenhousen, convicted of fornication and bastardy with Sophia Severling, in the county of Lancaster, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of the said fine. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Casper Bittenhousen be remitted.

A petition from David Adams, convicted of fornication and bastardy with a certain Elizabeth Smith, in the county of Bucks, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds specie to the State, &ca., praying remission of his fine, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said David Adams be remitted.

A return of Justices for the township of Mount Pleasant, in the county of Westmoreland, was received and read, by which it appears that James Guthrie hath been duly and the inhabitants of the said township, to the number of twenty-nine, having prayed this Board to appoint and commission the said James Guthrie to be a Justice of the Peace: On consideration,

Ordered, That James Guthrie, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland, and commissioned accordingly.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Lethea Spring to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from John Moyes, praying a pass to New York, and from thence to Halifax, was read, and rejected.

Samuel Potts, a son of John Potts, an attainted traytor, being lately arrived in this city, attended in Council, and being interrogated as to his coming: Thereupon,

Ordered, That he give security in the sum of one thousand pounds specie, for his appearance before this Board when called for, and his good behaviour in the mean time.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	James Cunningham,
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,
John Piper,	James Potter.

A draft of a message was laid before the Board and read, in the words following, vizt:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—The Secretary will present to you the report of the Commissioners appointed last year by this Commonwealth and the State of Virginia, with a draft of the country situate between the meridian line run by Messieurs St. Clair and McClean, and that lately run by Messieurs Nevil and McClean, bounded southward by an extension of Mason and Dixon's line, and northward by the Ohio river.

If the proceedings of the Commissioners are approved by the General Assembly, it may be advisable to issue a proclamation for giving notice to the inhabitants on the lands comprehended within the limits above described, and all others whom it may concern, that the lines have been thus ascertained, and requiring them to pay due obedience to the laws of this State.

JOHN DICKINSON, President.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, February 28th, 1783.

Whereupon,

The Council having considered the same,

Ordered, That the said message be approved and laid before the General Assembly.

Mr. Penrose and Mr. Magoffin, a Committee from the General Assembly, on the petition of Isaac Austin, attended in Council, and such information thereon given as was in the power of Council.

A letter from David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer, respecting applications by the officers of the Pennsylvania line for an exchange of their certificates in his hands.

Ordered, That the same be laid before the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 1st, 1783

PRESENT :

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire.

Hon'ble JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Van Campen,
Dorsey Pentecost, George Wall, } Esquires.
John Piper,

Alexander M'Clean, Esquire, discovered to the Council the following tracts of land, said to belong to Anthony Yeldall, an attainted traytor, vizt :

One tract containing one hundred and fifty-six acres, surveyed to Edward Green, situated on the east side of Monongahela river, on the waters of Brown's run, in the county of Westmoreland, surveyed the tenth day of June, 1773, by virtue of two warrants, one dated the third day September, 1770, the other dated the tenth day of October, 1772.

One other tract containing two hundred and ninety-five acres and one quarter, and allowance for roads, &ca., surveyed to Anthony Yeldall the eleventh day of November, 1772, in pursuance of two warrants, the one dated the third day of September, 1770, for fifty acres, the other dated the tenth day of October, 1772, for two hundred acres, situated in the new purchase in the county of Westmoreland, on the waters of Dunlap's creek.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing be transmitted to the Justices of the Supreme Court, or one of them, as soon as conveniently may be, and also within one month after this date another authentic copy thereof to the Sheriff of the county of Westmoreland, who is hereby required to give notice thereof to the Agents of Forfeited Estates in his county, in order that the said Agents may proceed therein according to law.

Ordered, That Colonel Stephen Balliot, Contractor for Provisions in the county of Northampton, forbear any further purchases, as Captain Schrawder's company is ordered to Wyoming, where measures will be taken for supplying them by other means.

Ordered, That John Weitzle, Esquire, Contractor for Provisions in Northumberland county, be informed that Captain Robeson's company and Captain Schrawder's company are ordered to proceed to Wyoming, and that Council desire he will supply rations to both these companies at that post. In case of any additional expence in transporting the provisions to Wyoming, more than would have arisen on the contract with Mr. Weitzle, the Council engage to make him a reasonable compensation.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneyder, for fourteen pounds one shilling and ten pence specie, amount of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper till the twenty-eighth day of February, 1783, and sundry small expences.

A petition from Frederick Buzzard, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments in the county of Chester, in aiding British prisoners to escape, was read, praying remission of his fines. On consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Frederick Buzzard be remitted.

A petition from Casper Heiner, praying a pass to go into New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Casper Heiner to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

A state of the Pennsylvania line was received and read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a copy thereof be transmitted to the Board of War.

A petition from Thomas Christwell, and a certificate accompanying the same, praying payment for a horse killed on the frontiers, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Comptroller General for his opinion thereon.

A letter from Colonel Samuel Hunter, Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland, with sundry papers inclosed, respecting a horse lost by Captain Thomas Kemplin in the frontier service, and requesting payment for the said horse, were read; and

Ordered, That the same be transmitted to the Comptroller General for his opinion thereon.

A return of Justices for the township of Letterkenny, in the county of Cumberland, was received and read, by which it appears that James Finley and James McCammont were duly elected; whereupon,

Ordered, That James Finley, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

Petitions from John Moyes and Thomas Barnes, junior, praying passes to go into New York, and to return again, were read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to the said John Moyes and Thomas Barnes, Jun'r, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine, George Wall, John Van Campen, John Piper, Dorsey Pentecost, James Cunningham, Sebastain Levan, } Esquires.

A memorial from Alexander Power, Esquire, late Lieutenant Quarter Master in Colonel Flower's regiment of Artillery Artificers, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed, and that the papers accompanying the same be returned to Mr. Power.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer of the State, vizt:

In favour of his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President, for one thousand pounds specie, with interest thereon from the fourth day of January, 1783, out of the fund appropriated for the recruiting service; the same being money lent to the State for the said service, agreeable to order of this Board of the fourth day of January last.

In favour of Adam Barr and James Barr, for fifty pounds specie, being the reward allowed by proclamation of Council of the ninth day of July, 1782, for apprehending and securing Jesse Vickars.

Captain John Floyd, of the ship Amazon, reported himself as a flag bound for Charlestown, to carry there divers citizens of that State, and laid before the Board his papers, which being examined and approved, were returned.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable John Montgomery, for one hundred and seventeen pounds, in full for his attendance in Congress as a delegate for this State till the twenty-eighth day of February, 1783, and his mileage.

A petition from William Nugent, convicted of stealing two mares in the county of York, and sentenced to be cropped, pillored, and whipped, & pay a fine to the use of the State, &c., was read, praying remission of his fine and corporal punishment.

Ordered, That the corporal punishment of the said William Nugent, as to cropping of his ears, be remitted.

A petition from Thomas Canby, praying a pass to New York, was read, and rejected unanimously.

A petition from Jane Cuyler, praying a pass to New York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said Jane Cuyler to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Board of Property, the Honourable the Vice President and the Honourable Mr. Pentecost agreed to meet the other members of the said Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	James Potter,	Esquires.
George Wall,	John Van Campen,	
Sebastian Levan,	Christopher Hayes,	

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to act of General Assembly of the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which he is to account.

A letter from David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer, having been laid before the House of Assembly, and referred to a committee of the House, the said committee attended in Council, and a conference was had on the subject of the said letter, when the Council and committee agreed in opinion that such exchanges of officers for soldiers' certificates, as mentioned in the said letter, ought not to be made; but that certificates received in payment for confiscated estates should be kept, in order to be cancelled, in such manner as the Legislature shall hereafter direct.

A letter from Colonel Benjamin Blythe of the seventh ulto., was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to collect the papers referred to in the said letter, and lay the same before Council.

Ordered, That Captain Thomas Robeson, and Captain Philip Schrawder, be directed to march with their respective Ranging companies to Wyoming, and take every proper measure for maintaining the post there, and for protecting the settlements.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver to the Honourable John Van Cam-

pen, Esquire, or his order, ten knapsacks, nine camp kettles, and three wood axes, for the use of Captain Philip Schrawder's company of Rangers, in the county of Northampton, for which Captain Schrawder is to account.

The Honourable Mr. Pentecost not attending this day, the Honourable Mr. Cunningham was appointed to meet the Honourable the Vice President, and the other members of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	James Cunningham,	Esquires.
George Wall,	Sebastian Levan,	
John Piper,	Christopher Hayes,	
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,	

A petition from Sarah Massey, praying that the Judges in the High Court of Errors and Appeals may be appointed, in order that a cause depending in said Court, in which she is concerned, may be speedily determined, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A petition from Anne Browne, Jean McCulloh, Frances Morgan, Agnes Reed, Catharine Peeas, Leah Norris, Anne Straight, Hannah Russel, Nancy Peckerol, Elizabeth Shanks, Elizabeth Palmer, and Mary Patterson, convicted of fornication and bastardy, in the county of Washington, and sentenced each of them to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the State, praying remission of their fines, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the persons before mentioned, be remitted.

A memorial from Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, respecting the pay and subsistence of divers of the militia called out in July, 1782, to guard the gaol of said county, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the pay of militia be out of the militia fines, and that the rations ought, in the opinion of Council, to be a county charge.

A petition from John Merckley, convicted of fornication and bastardy in the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to pay a fine

to the use of the State of ten pounds specie, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Merckley, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 6th, 1783, A. M.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
George Wall,	Christopher Hayes,	
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
James Cunningham,	James Potter,	
John McDowell,		

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honourable Dorsey Pentecost, for sixteen pounds, for three hundred and twenty miles riding to Philadelphia, at one shilling per mile.

Benjamin Claxton, commanding a brigantine flag of truce, under a passport from Governor Browne, of the Bermuda or Summer Island, this day reported himself to Council.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Joanna Young, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from Thomas McCloud, convicted of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to pay a fine of one pound eighteen shillings and nine pence, to the use of the State, to be publickly whipp'd, &ca., was read, praying remission of his fine and corporal punishment. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Thomas McCloud, and his corporal punishment, be remitted.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honourable Thomas Mifflin, for seventy-five pounds specie, on account of his pay as delegate in Congress for this State, for which the said Thomas Mifflin is to account.

A memorial from Andrew Long, late Commissioner for purchasing wheat in the county of Bucks, praying some farther allowance for his services, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Comptroller General, to examine and report to Council thereon, comparing the settlement of the memorialist's account with the laws under which he acted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 6th, 1783, 5 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

As in the morning.

The following extracts from the minutes of the General Assembly were laid before the Board, and read, vizt:

The report of the Committee of Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts and vouchers of persons concerned in the seizure of the goods in Chester county, was read the second time and adopted, vizt:

That they have carefully examined the said accounts, and are of opinion that most of the charges in the same are very unreasonable, and, therefore, inadmissible; but taking the nature of the business into consideration, with the necessity of an immediate settlement, have taken the liberty to essay an account of the various expences and charges herewith presented, amounting to five hundred and sixty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence specie, which sum, in the opinion of your committee, will be a full compensation to the persons concerned in said seizures; therefore, recommend the following resolve:

Resolved, That the Supreme Executive Council draw an order on the State Treasurer in favour of John Gardner, Esq'r, Sheriff of Chester county, for the sum of five hundred and sixty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence, for the use of the several persons concerned, agreeable to the account herewith presented, which shall be in full of all charges and expences whatsoever attending the seizure of all or any of the goods in his custody, or in the custody of any other person or persons, (for the use of the prisoners of war,) until the delivery of the same to the proper officers.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Supreme Executive Council, to take effectual "order for the immediate delivery of the goods aforesaid."

The Council taking into consideration the said extracts; thereupon,

Ordered, That an order be drawn on the State Treasurer in favor of John Gardner, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Chester, for the sum of five hundred and sixty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence, for the use of the several persons concerned, agreeable to the account aforesaid, which shall be in full of all charges and expences whatsoever, attending the seizure of all or any of the goods in his custody, or in the custody of any other person or persons, (for the use of the prisoners of war,) untill the delivery of the same to the proper officers.

Ordered, That John Gardner, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Chester, do immediately deliver to the order of the Secretary at War, all and every the goods aforesaid, in the custody of the said Sheriff, or in the custody of any other person or persons in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	John Piper,
George Wall,	John Van Campen,
James Cunningham,	Dorsey Pentecost,
John McDowell,	James Potter.
Christopher Hayes,	

The Council took into consideration a letter from the Hon'ble William Augustus Atlee, Esquire; and thereupon,

Ordered, That an order on the Treasurer in his favour for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Lancaster, on account of his services as Deputy Commissary General of Musters for the said county, in the year 1777, and that Mr. Atlee be desired immediately to state an account of said services in order for final settlement.

A petition from Philip Helick, praying Council to remit his fine for not performing his tour of militia duty, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Robert Levers, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Northampton, and that he be advised that Council are credibly informed that the petitioner staid at home upon a presumption that the opinion of two of the gentlemen composing the Court of Appeal was sufficient to excuse him.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mary Haley and two children, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, not to return again. No fees received by direction of Council.

A petition from John Evans, in behalf of his son, Rowland Evans, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments, in the county of Philadelphia, in aiding British prisoners to escape, praying remission of his fines, was read, together with a recommendation from the Honorable the Chief Justice in his behalf.

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted.

The Council taking into consideration a petition from John Dorset and Luz Subzey, now confined in the county of Philadelphia, for burglary; on consideration,

Ordered, That a pardon be granted to the said Luz Subzey on condition, upon the prayer of the said Luz Subzey to us duly preferred, that the said Luz Subzey shall, within three months from the date of his pardon, depart from this State to foreign parts beyond the seas, and that he shall not return into this State or any of the United States of America.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	Sebastian Levan,
John McDowell,	James Potter,
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,
James Cunningham,	John Piper.
Christopher Hayes,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Honorable John McDowell, Esquire, of Chester county, for twenty pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of Council, for which he is to account.

Ordered, That William Goforth have permission to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from Mary Freeman, convicted of stealing a mare, &c., in the county of York, and sentenced to be cropped, pillored, and whipped, and pay four several fines to the use of the State, was read, praying remission of her fines. The record of her conviction was also read. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, be remitted.

The report of the Comptroller General, on the account of Nehemiah Stokely, Esquire, for money forwarded to Captain Thomas Stokely's company of Rangers, in the county of Westmoreland, was read and approved.

A pass was granted to Anne Jones, wife of Caleb Jones, to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from Helena Ritchie, praying permission for Edward Brice Smith to come from New York to Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That leave be given to Edward Brice Smith to come from New York to Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said Edward Brice Smith report himself to Council on his arrival in this city, and that he return to New York in thirty days from the time of such arrival.

A return of damages done by the enemy in the county of Northampton, amounting to six thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine pounds four shillings and seven pence, from the Commissioners of the said county, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,
John Van Campen,	John Piper,
James Cunningham,	Christopher Hayes

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Ezekiel Forman, and Margaret, his wife, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

The Council taking into consideration that the reprieve lately granted to John Dorset, now confined in the old gaol, will shortly expire,

Ordered, That the said John Dorset be reprieved for the further term of sixty days from the expiration of the first mentioned reprieve.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,	Esquires.
John Armstrong,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,	Christopher Hayes,	

A petition from James Prescot, convicted of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, praying remission of his fine, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said James Prescot, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John McDowell,	Esquires.
James Cunningham,	John Piper,	
Dorsey Pentecost,	Christopher Hayes,	

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Sergeant Randolph Death, of Captain Thomas Stokeley's company of Rangers, in Westmoreland county, for the sum of six pounds, to be charged to his account, and deducted out of his pay.

Mr. Brannon McLene and Mr. Mercer, a committee of the General Assembly, attended, and requested a conference with Council on the subject of a petition of John Johnston, respecting the estate of William Bell, an attainted traytor, which the Council agreed to, and a conference was had, and after some time spent thereon, the committee withdrew.

The Council taking into consideration a decree of the Supreme Court in favour of Joseph Dean, Esquire, against the said Bell's estate, and sundry papers accompanying the same,

Ordered, That upon Mr. Dean's paying into the Treasury the ballance of the purchase money, according to the agreement made between him and said Bell, with lawful interest thereon, agreeable to the scale of depreciation from the twenty-fifth day of June, 1777, a deed be executed for one hundred and thirty-six acres, agreeable to the said decree.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Smith, for twenty-eight pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, amount of his account for repairing the banks of Mud Island, agreeable to the Comptrollers General's report thereon.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to James Fisher, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A pass from Mary Yorke, for a pass to New York and to return again, was read and dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	John Piper,
John M'Dowell,	James Cunningham,
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,
Christopher Hayes,	James Potter.

Ordered, That passes be granted John Nicholson, Esquire, and his daughter, and to a certain Anne Whitlocke, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

The petition of negro Took, convicted of fornication and bastardy in the county of Chester, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the State, praying remission of his fine, was read; the record of his conviction being also read.

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said negro Took, be remitted.

The petition of Reuben Skinner, convicted of horse stealing in the county of Northampton, and sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-seven pounds to the use of the State, and to be pillored, cropped, and whipp'd, praying remission of his fine, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Reuben Skinner, be remitted.

A petition from Elizabeth Botner, for permission to go into New York to the city of Philadelphia, was read and dismissed.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	John Van Campen,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	James Potter,	
Sebastian Levan,	John Piper,	
Dorsey Pentecost,	Christopher Hayes,	

A letter from Alexander McClean, Esquire, of the thirteenth instant, was received and read, inclosing an account of sundry ex-

pences in running the line between this State and the State of Virginia, and submitting to Council the allowance to be made him for his services; whereupon,

The Council taking into consideration the trouble Mr. McClean has had in running the said line, and the accuracy with which the same hath been done,

Ordered, That thirty-five shillings per day be allowed Mr. McClean for every day he has actually been employed in said business.

Ordered, That passes be granted to John Thomas, Isaac Coxe, and Mary Beekman, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A report from Hugh Scott, Daniel Leet, Van Swearingen, and John Armstrong, of the county of Washington, appointed by an act of General Assembly of the twenty-eighth day of March, 1781, to purchase a piece of land in said county, thereon to build a court house and prison, was received and read, setting forth, that, agreeable to the directions of the said act, they have purchased from David Hoge, a piece or parcel of land within one mile of the centre of said county, for the purpose expressed in the said act, and submitting the same to the approbation of Council; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be accepted and approved accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	James Potter,	Esq'rs.
John M'Dowell,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
John Van Campen,	Christopher Hayes,	
John Piper,	Sebastian Levan,	

On consideration,

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the county of Westmoreland and Washington, be directed to order into service, from time to time, such and so many of the militia of the said counties, as Brigadier General Irvine, commanding at Fort Pitt, shall judge necessary for the defence of the Western frontiers of this State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for paying one-third of

depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to act of General Assembly of the thirteenth of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

An order was drawn on said Treasurer in favour of Doctor Francis Smith, for fifteen pounds eighteen shillings, for medicine furnished to Captain Schrawder's company of Rangers, in the county of Northampton.

An order was drawn on said Treasurer in favour of Alexander McClean, Esquire, for sixty-six pounds fourteen shillings and one penny specie, in full for his services in running the line between this State and the State of Virginia.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of Edward Burd, Esquire, Clerk of Estreats, by which it appears that a ballance of sixty-one pounds fourteen shillings and three pence half-penny is due to him, was read and approved.

Ordered, That passes be granted to Stephen Collins and John Applegate, to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable	James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,
	James Cunningham,	John Piper,
	John Van Campen,	James Potter,
	John M'Dowell,	Christopher Hayes.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, for his salary as Judge of Admiralty till the thirteenth instant, and his services as one of the Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, was read and approved; and

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Judge for one hundred and eighty-three pounds and six shillings, ballance of the said account.

The Council taking into consideration the several robberies that have been lately committed in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks;

On consideration,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued for apprehending and securing the perpetrators thereof.

A draft of a proclamation being laid before the Board, was read and agreed to, in the words following, to wit:

By the President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By depositions taken according to law, it appears that within three months last past, several of the Treasurers and Collectors in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks, within this State, have been robbed of sums of money collected for the publick use:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the good people of the State that the perpetrators of such attrocious crimes should be brought to condign punishment: We have thought fit to offer, and do hereby offer a publick reward of fifty pounds in specie, for each and every of the perpetrators of the said robberies, or any of them, to be paid on conviction to any persons who shall apprehend and secure them, or any of them. And over and beside the said reward, we do hereby promise free and full pardon to any one of the said robbers, their aiders, abettors or comforters, who shall discover, apprehend, and secure any other or others of the said robbers, so that he or they shall be convicted as aforesaid. And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs and Constables, are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said robbers, their aiders, abettors and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—T'Y MATLACK, Sec'ry.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That the foregoing proclamation be published.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mr. Ezekiel Robbins to go into the city of New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and that permission be granted to Margaret Stackhouse, to come from New York to Philadelphia, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, on a visit, and to return again, agreeable to the request of the said Ezekiel Robins; no fees rec'd by order of Council.

J. T.

On consideration,

Ordered, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain John Hughes, Lieutenant Gabriel Peterson and Ensign James Morrison, of the company of Rangers in the county of Washington, to be charged to their account.

Ordered, That a letter be written to Henry Taylor, Esquire, of the said county, requesting him to pay to the non-commissioned officers and privates of Captain John Hughes's company of Rangers two months' pay.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Colonel Stephen Balliott, one for one hundred and eighty-three pounds one shilling and ten pence specie, for rations furnished in August, 1782, and the other for five hundred and twenty-one pounds sixteen shillings and one penny half-penny, for rations furnished in August, September and October, 1782, to the troops stationed in the county of Northampton, to be paid out of the monies appropriated to the frontier defence, agreeable to the report of the Comptroller General.

Ordered, That passes be granted to Benjamin Poultney and William Bennet, and Charity, his wife, to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

The petition of Hugh McGaskey, convicted of misdemeanors upon two indictments in the county of Chester, in aiding and assisting British prisoners to escape, praying remission of his fines; the record of his conviction being also read; on consideration,

Ordered, That the fine due to the State, and corporal punishment be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honourable James Irvine,	Sebastian Levan,
John McDowell,	John Piper,
John Van Campen,	James Potter,
Dorsey Pentecost,	Christopher Hayes.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of John Hay, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of York, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the same be re-committed, and that Mr. Hay be allowed for his services according to the value of the money at the time of passing the several acts of Assembly.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Antes, and others, for their services on a scout in pursuit of Indians in Northumberland county, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, To be re-committed, and that the officers be allowed the same as the inhabitants, to wit: the pay and rations of the mi-

litia, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the twenty-second day of December, 1781.

Ordered, That passes be granted to Thomas Clayton, Helena Dickson, and her son-in-law John Leary, Jun'r, to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

A petition from Benjamin Bowman, convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Lancaster, for aiding a British prisoner to escape, praying remission of his fine, was read; the record of his conviction being also read; on consideration,

Ordered, That two-fifths of the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Benjamin Bowman,

A petition from Jacob Peck, convicted of the like offence in the said county, was also read, together with the record of his conviction; on consideration,

Ordered, That three-fifth parts of the fine due to the State be remitted.

The petition of Jacob Myers, convicted of misdemeanors upon indictments in the county of Lancaster, for aiding British prisoners to escape, praying remission of his fines, was read; the record of his conviction being also read. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fines due to the State be remitted.

The petition of Martin Myers, convicted of the like offence in the said county, was read, praying remission of his fines; the record of his conviction was also read. On consideration,

Ordered, That one half of the fines due to the State be remitted.

The petition of Abraham Myers, convicted of the like offence upon three indictments, in the said county, was read, praying remission of his fines; the record of his conviction being also read. On consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fines due to the State be remitted.

The petition of Joseph Roberts, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments, in the county of Philadelphia, for aiding British prisoners to escape, praying remission of his fines, was read; a recommendation from the Honorable the Chief Justice, and divers inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia in his behalf being also read. On consideration,

Ordered, That the fines due to the State be remitted.

The Council proceeded to the appointment of Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, agreeable to an act of General Assembly passed the twenty-eighth day of February, 1780, intitled "An Act for erecting an High Court of Errors and Appeals;" and the ballots being taken, it appeared that William Moore and John Bayard, Esquires, were unanimously elected; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said William Moore and John Bayard, Esquires, be commissioned to be Judges of the said Court accordingly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,	Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	James Potter, and	
John Piper,	Christopher Hayes,	
John Van Campen,		

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mark Wilcox, for sixty-eight pounds specie, amount of his account for 48 ream of writing paper, seized in the county of Chester, in the year 1777, and afterwards made use of by Council.

The Comptroller General's Report on the account of John Wetzle, contractor for provisions in Northumberland county, for provisions furnished to the troops stationed in the said county from October, 1782, till February, 1783, was read and approved; and an order was drawn on the Treasurer for two hundred and fifty-one pounds four shillings and four pence, ballance of the said account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, March 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	James Cunningham,	Esquires.
James McDowell,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
James Potter,	John Van Campen,	
John Piper,	Christopher Hayes,	

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Griffith Owen, for twenty-pounds specie, for his services in winding up the State House clock, from the fourth day of March, 1782, till the fourth day of March, 1783.

In favour of John Johnston, for one hundred pounds specie, with interest thereon, from the seventeenth day of June, 1776, with the further sum of twenty-four pounds eighteen shillings and one

penny, and the costs, amounting to one pound eight shillings and six pence specie; the said several sums having been decreed to him out of the forfeited estate of William Bell, an attainted traytor.

In favour of George Grover, for fifty pounds specie, with lawful interest thereon, from the seventh day of June, 1776, and one pound eight shillings and six pence costs, the same having been decreed to him out of the said William Bell's forfeited estate.

The Comptroller General's Report on the accounts of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, Secretary of this Board, for fees received by him for tavern and marriage licences, &c., since the revolution, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a message be transmitted to the General Assembly, in the following words, vizt:

A messsge from the President and Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—We desire you will be pleased to appoint a committee to confer with us on a report made to us by the Comptroller General, on the Secretary's accounts.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Council Chamber, Phild'a, March 20th, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Dorsey Penteeost,
John M'Dowell,	James Poter,
James Cunningham,	John Van Campen,
John Piper,	Christopher Hayes.

On application,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Matthew Ritchie, for twenty-five pounds specie, to be paid by him to Alexander Wright and William Minor, being the reward allowed by proclamation of Council, for two Indian scalps taken in the county of Washington.

Mr. Delany Mr. Steinmetz and Mr. Hannums, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council, agreeable to the request of Council by their message of yesterday, and a conference was had on the subject of the accounts of Timothy Matlack, Esquire, Secretary of this Board, and the Comptroller General's report thereon, and after some time spent therein the committee

withdrew: Whereupon, the Council having taken the same into consideration,

Ordered, That the said account and report be transmitted to the General Assembly, together with the following message.

A message from the President and Council of the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—After the conference this morning with your committee, we think it proper to remit the Comptroller General's report upon the Secretary's accounts to your Honorable House, and we presume the questions of right may be determined in the manner proposed by the Secretary, which appears to us to be reasonable.

JOHN DICKINSON.

A petition from Stephen Porter, of the county of Lancaster, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the said county, was read.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Hugh McCahan, to go to Newark, in the State of New Jersey, and to return again.

The Council taking into consideration the proclamation of the twenty-second day of April, 1780, offering a reward for Indian scalps, and the reasons upon which the same was founded no longer continuing,

Resolved, That the same be made null and void, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be sent to the Lieutenants of the counties of Northampton, Northumberland, Bedford, Westmoreland, and Washington.

On consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to John Vanderen and Anne Hart, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Piper,
John McDowell, James Cunningham,
John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan,
Dorsey Pentecost, Christopher Hayes.
James Potter,

The Council taking into consideration the papers remitted to them by the General Assembly, from which it appears that cloathing for

British prisoners of war, to the value of five thousand five hundred and twenty seven pounds five shillings and one penny, being part of the goods lately seized in Chester county, has been embezzled and not delivered to the order of the Secretary at War in pursuance of the directions of Council on the sixth instant, whereby the honour and interests of the State are greatly affected; thereupon,

Ordered, That John Gardner, Esquire, Sheriff of the said county, be required immediately to attend this Board.

Resolved, That Council has no farther use for the service of Captain John Hughes, commanding the Washington County Rangers, after the fifth day of April next. That Captain Hughes be informed that Council return him their thanks for the service he has rendered this State while in their employ.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain John Hughes, for thirty pounds specie, being two months' pay advanced to him, for which he is to account, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

The Honorable Mr. Pentecost and the Honorable Mr. Hayes, who were requested yesterday to signify to Timothy Matlack, Esquire, that it is the wish of Council that he may resign his office of Secretary this morning, having informed Council that they had accordingly communicated their sentiments to Mr. Matlack, and the Council having received an answer from him,

Resolved, That Council will appoint another person to be Secretary in the place of Mr. Matlack, and that Council will proceed to such appointment on Monday next.

The report of the Comptroller General on the accounts of Colonel John Hay, Sub-Lieutenant of York county, was read, and approved, and an order was drawn for the ballance, to wit: two hundred and sixty pounds two shillings and six pence.

Ordered, That William Will, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to deliver the body of Luz Sulzby, now confined in the gaol of said city and county for burglary, to Daniel Broadhead, Junior, or his order, he, the said Broadhead, paying the fees.

On consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to John Jones, Leonard Jacobi, Thomas Franklin, Richard Rue, Benjamin Davis, Jun'r, and Mary Bory, to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	James Cunningham,
John McDowell,	James Potter,
John Van Campen,	John Piper,
Dorsey Pentecost,	Christopher Hayes.

The Council postponed the appointment of a Secretary, in the room of Mr. Matlack, till to-morrow.

John Gardner, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Chester, attending the Board, the Council enjoined him to proceed with the utmost diligence in securing such of the goods seized in that county which have not yet been delivered up to the order of the Secretary at War, and to report his proceedings thereon to Council on or before the third day of next month.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,
John McDowell,	John Piper,
James Cunningham,	Christopher Hayes,
James Potter,	Sebastian Levan.

The Council proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary instead of Mr. Matlack, and the ballots being taken, it appeared that John Armstrong, J'r, Esquire, had eight votes, and William Barton, Esquire, four votes; whereupon,

Resolved, That John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, is duly elected Secretary of this Board, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, attended in Council, and being informed of his appointment, took the oath of allegiance and oath of office required by the Constitution, to qualify him for the execution of his office of Secretary of this Board, according to law.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Hon'ble Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for forty pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, amount of his account for his attendance in Council from the tenth of February till the twenty-sixth day of March, 1783.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of David Duncan, late Commissioner of Purchases for the county of Westmoreland, was read and approved.

The report of the said Comptroller on the account of Alexander McClean, late Sub-Lieutenant of the said county, was read and approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account, agreeable to act of General Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April, 1782.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, March 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine	John McDowell,
James Cunningham,	Dorsey Pentecost,
Christopher Hayes,	Sebastian Levan.

A letter from the Hon'ble Robert Morris of the twenty-fifth of March, 1783, inclosing an ordinance of Congress and other publick papers, was read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

A draft of a proclamation was laid before the Board, read and approved, in the following words, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of this Commonwealth, by their resolution of the twenty-second day of this present month, did approve and confirm the line lately run by Messieurs McClean and Nevil, as the boundary between this State and that of Virginia, untill the final settlement thereof be obtained, we have thought fit to make known the same, and we do hereby charge, enjoin, and require, all persons whatsoever residing within that tract of country

situate between the meridian line run by Messieurs Sinclair and McClean, and that lately run by Messieurs Nevil and McClean, bounded southward by an extension of Mason and Dixon's line, and northward by the Ohio river; and also all others residing to the eastward of the said line run by Messieurs Sinclair & McClean, who heretofore may have supposed themselves to be there settled within the State of Virginia, to take notice of the proceedings aforesaid, and to pay due obedience to the laws of this Commonwealth.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

A return of Justices for the district composed of the townships of Salisbury and Sadsbury, in the county of Lancaster, was received and read. Whereupon,

Ordered, That William Boyd, Esquire, be apppointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Lancaster, and that he be commissioned accordingly.

A petition from Christian Van Phul, praying a pass to New York, was read, and granted.

The petition of Cato Walts, convicted of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, was read; and order taken that the fine of twenty pounds adjudged to the State be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly, in favour of John Shaw, John Harkins, John Fell, and John Johnston, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, being the reward offered by proclamation of Council for apprehending and securing Levi Doan; said resolution dated 17th of March, 1783.

An order was drawn on said Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of fifteen pounds specie, for which he is to be accountable.

The petition of Stephen Porter was read, praying that John Hubly may be superceded in his office of Prothonotary of Lancaster county, and the petitioner appointed to that office.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Duncan, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of Westmoreland; the one for one thousand and forty-two pounds eleven shillings and four pence, State money; the other for five hundred and fifteen pounds fifteen shillings and four pence specie.

A certificate from Colonels Moylan and Humpton was presented by Captain Oberton, and read; upon which it was ordered that

Thomas Oberton's commission as a Captain in the fourth regiment of Light Dragoons, shall have date upon the twenty-fourth of April, 1781.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, viz:

To Mr. William Turnbull, for lot No. 31, containing ten acres and thirty-five perches, situate on Province Island; sold agreeable to law, for eight hundred and twenty-seven pounds fourteen shillings and four pence of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty ninth day of April, 1780.

To Doctor John Morgan, for lots in the city of Philadelphia, No. 1744, 1745, and 1746: Sold as aforesaid, for the sum of six hundred pounds of the bills aforesaid.

To Henry Pratt, for lots No. 1582, 1585, 1586, 1587, in the said city: Sold as aforesaid, for two hundred and twenty-two pounds of the said bills.

The foregoing sums paid to Mr. Rittenhouse, as appears by his receipts. Deed dated the twenty-sixth day of March, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell,
George Wall, Jun'r, John Piper.
Christopher Hayes,

Upon the petition of John Bayard, Esquire, permission was granted to Andrew Hodge, Jun'r, to pass from hence to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return.

Permission was given to Abraham and William Chapman, Magnus Miller, and James Roney, to pass from hence to New York, by the way of Dobbs' ferry, and to return.

Similar permission was given to Samuel Wallis, William Powell, Peter Bedford, Bernard Ward, and Sarah Vanzolingen, upon their respective petitions.

A letter from the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, inclosing an abstract of preliminary articles for a general peace, was read.

The answers from the Honorable Thomas McKean and George Bryan, Esquires, Judges of the Supreme Court, to the late questions which arose with Council upon the trial and conviction of William Hanks, and the mode of electing Justices of Peace in this State, were read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, March 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire.

Hon'ble JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	George Wall, Jun'r,	} Esquires.
John McDowell,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,	Sebastian Levan,	

A petition from Matthew Irvin, Joseph Carson, and Thomas Irvine, for liberty to go to New York, and to return, was read and granted.

A similar petition from Gifford Dalley, was read, and a passport granted.

Petitions from Ezekiel Hall, Thomas Nixon, Thomas Flavahan, Lewis Grant, and Stephen Tinker, praying permission to pass into the city of New York, and to return, were read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That passes be granted to them respectively.

A commission was this day issued to Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, of the county of Bucks, as Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

A passport was granted to Captain Daniel Broadhead, for himself and sundry articles of merchandize, to pass from hence to Fort Pitt, and from thence down the river Ohio.

The petition of David Norman, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments, in the county of Philadelphia, in aiding British prisoners to escape, and adjudged to the payment of one hundred and fifty pounds, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fine due to the State be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

Honourable the Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	Sebastian Levan,	} Esquires.
James Potter,	John Piper,	
John McDowell,	Christopher Hayes,	

The petitions of Rebecca Shoemaker, Daniel Darby, Thomas Forrest, James King, James Fisher, Lackey Murray, Samuel Potts,

Margaret Potts, Anthony Shoemaker, Gerald Forrester, Joseph Ogden, and William Warner, were read, and a passport to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return, granted to each.

Upon the petition of Joseph Mather,

Ordered, That he be permitted to go to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return from thence with his daughter, now a resident in that city.

An order was drawn an the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Comptroller General, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for discharging one-third of depreciation certificates due to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to act of Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 31st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honourable James Irvine,	James Potter,
James Cunningham,	John Piper,
John McDowell,	Sebastian Levan.

The petition of John Riddle, of the township of Rye, in the county of Cumberland, convicted at the October Sessions, 1782, of keeping a tipling house, was read, and the fine adjudged to the State ordered to be remitted.

An order was drawn in favour of Frederick Sneider, for sixteen pounds four shillings, in full for his wages to this day as Doorkeeper.

Permission was granted to William Constable, Daniel Pastorius, and Benjamin Shoemaker, to go into New York, by the way of Dobb's Ferry, and to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honourable James Irvine, John Piper,
John McDowell, Christopher Hayes,
James Potter, Sebastian Levan.
James Cunningham,

Copies of letters dated the twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh of March, 1783, to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, were transmitted to Council and read.

Agreeably to an order of Council of the eighth of March, 1783, Mr. Edward Brice Smith reported his arrival in this city from New York.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for forty-five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence specie, in full of his account for attendance in Council, and his mileage.

A similar order was drawn in favour of the Hon'ble John McDowell, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-two pounds two shillings and six pence specie, being the ballance of his account for attendance in Council 'till the second instant, and his mileage.

Two orders were drawn in favour of the Honorable James Potter, Esq'r, the one for the sum of thirty-three pounds specie, being a part of his account for attendance in Council till the second instant, and his mileage; and the other for thirty-two pounds five shillings specie, in full of his account for attendance in Council till the second instant, and his mileage.

The petition of Martin Urner, convicted of misdemeanors upon three indictments, in the county of Chester, in aiding British prisoners to escape, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That one-half of the fine adjudged to the State be remitted.

Upon the petition of Thomas Cheney,

Ordered, That the opinion of the Honorable Judges of the Supreme Court be taken upon the subject of it.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Baker, for the sum of thirty-nine pounds one shilling, being the ballance due upon his account of medicine furnished and attendance given to Captain Robinson's Ranging corps, to be paid out of the monies appropriated to the frontier defence.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of James Marshall, Esquire, Lieutenant of the county of Washington, and

Edward Cook, Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, were read and approved.

Upon the petitions of Charles Biddle, Adam Gilchrist, James Dunlap, Benjamin Bradhurst, Thomas Clarke, Isaac Van Vleck, Robert Smith, and William Barton, passports were granted to each to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	James Cunningham,
James Potter,	Christopher Hayes,
John Piper,	Sebastian Levan.

The Comptrollers-General's report upon the account of the Honorable John Montgomery, Esquire, for his attendance in Congress, was read, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer for the sum of forty-eight pounds, being the amount of the said account for attendance as aforesaid, till this day.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messieurs Samuel Hodgson and Alexander Boyd, for the sum of fifty-one pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence specie, being the amount of their account for the pay of Mr. Boyd, and horse hire and expences of him and Mr. Hodgson on their journey to Chester, for the purpose of inspecting British goods.

Resolved, Upon Mr. Nicholson's report of the twenty-first of January, 1783, in favor of William Evans, Esquire, that Council cannot consent to discharge Mr. Evans' account of expenditures, amounting to three hundred and eighteen pounds eighteen shillings and six pence in specie, but have every disposition to accommodate him with that sum in State money.

Ordered, That passports to New York be granted to Jacob Morris, James Thompson, John Le Telier, and Daniel Charles Heath

Agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-first of March, 1783, authorizing Council to draw an order upon the Treasurer of the State in favour of Henry Osbourne, Esquire, for as much money as they may think a proper compensation for his services in collecting evidence and other documents on the part of this State, in the late controversy with Connecticut, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Henry Osbourne, for the sum of sixty-eight pounds five shillings.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, conveying to Solomon Myers Cohen, lot No. 1696, in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeable to law, for redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, for the sum of fifty-three pounds. Deed dated the second day of April, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Piper, Christopher Hayes, James Cunningham, } Esq'rs.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Shallurs, it was ordered that he make out an exact brief of his title to the lot described in the said memorial.

Upon the petition of Benjamin Norris, of the county of Philadelphia, convicted of keeping a tipling house contrary to law,

Ordered, That the fine of five pounds adjudged to the use of the State be remitted.

Upon the personal application of Elizabeth Kurtz, and the consideration of some official papers produced by her in support of her claim to a tract of land in the county of Northampton,

Ordered, That a letter be written to Nicholas Depui, Esq'r, and others, the Justices of the Peace for the said county, expressive of the wishes of Council that the referrees appointed at the September term, 1780, be requested to proceed upon the business without delay.

Ordered, That Thomas Smith and Lawrence Burrows be permitted to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, Pres't.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Cunningham, James Irvine,
Christopher Hayes, John Piper.
Sebastian Levan,

A state of the receipts & expenditures of publick monies upon warrants from the Superintendant of Finance, was read.

The memorial of Jacob Shallus, accompanied with his brief of title to a lot of ground described in the said memorial, were received and read; and,

Ordered, To be referred to the Surveyor, Secretary of the Land Office, and Receiver-General, for examination.

Ordered, That the Secretary of Council be directed to employ an additional clerk to continue the register of certificates given by the Receiver General, and of patents granted in consequence.

Upon the application of Francis Lewis, Jun'r, and Michael Morgan O'Brian, a passport to New York was granted to each.

Ordered, That Mary Anderson have permission to go into New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, (no fees paid.)

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Sebastian Levan,
James Cunningham, John Piper, } Esquires.
Christopher Hayes,

Passports to New York were granted to John Leary, Jun'r, and Mary Yorke, of this city.

A letter from Hillary Baker, Junior, requesting the opinion of Council upon a law enacted by the last General Assembly, bearing date the nineteenth day of March, 1783, was read, and referred to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to John Wilcocks, for lots No. 5, 6, and 7, containing, together, thirty-two acres and eighty-two perches of land, situate on

Province Island: Sold agreeable to law, for nineteen hundred and fifty pounds and fifteen shillings of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty ninth day of April, 1780, which sum the said John Wilcocks hath paid to the Treasurer of the State. Deed dated the fifth day of April, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable James Irvine, John Piper,
Sebastian Levan, Christopher Hayes.

Henry Wynkoope, Esquire, appeared in Council, and took the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him as a Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

In consideration of the representations made to Council by the Honorable Thomas Mifflin, John Bayard, Esquire, and others, in favour of Samuel Castner, convicted of misdemeanors in aiding British prisoners to escape,

Ordered, That the remaining part of the fine adjudged to be paid by him to the State be remitted.

The Board of Property sitting to-day, the Honorable James Irvine was appointed to attend with the President.

Upon consideration, Samuel Miles, Esquire, was unanimously elected a Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, and a commission ordered to be made out accordingly.

Upon application of William Nichols, John Ross, Nathaniel Vawinkle and Joseph Richardson,

Ordered, That a passport be granted to each to go into the city of New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.
John Piper, Sebastian Levan, }

Upon the petition of Joseph Richardson, convicted at a late Supreme Court of a misdemeanor in aiding British prisoners of war

to escape, and sentenced to a fine of one hundred and fifty pounds specie, to be paid upon the second day of this instant,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be authorized to indulge Joseph Richardson in not paying the said fine untill the first day of August next, taking sufficient security for its discharge upon that day.

William Henry, Esquire, Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, represented to Council "that he had hitherto supposed himself obliged by law to superintend the elections of Platoon as well as field officers of the militia, and now begged the opinion of Council thereon."

Ordered, Upon taking the opinion of the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court, that it is the sense of Council that Mr. Henry's attention to the former is not demanded by the law.

A passport to New York was granted to John Maxwell Nesbitt of this city.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honourable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
Sebastian Levan, John Piper.

Samuel Miles, Esquire, appeared in Council and took the oaths prescribed by the Constitution to qualify him as a Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

A letter from the War Office, with a late resolve of Congress requiring a suspension of all inlistments, was read.

Upon the petition of Doctor John Redman, for himself and his daughter Sarah Coxe, a passport to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, was granted to each, and also for the children of the said Sarah Coxe.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, Presid't.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, John Piper, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

A letter from the Superintendant of Finance, inclosing a state of receipts and expenditures for the year 1781 and 1782, with a

general account of receipts and payments for the last year, and the particular account of this State for that period, was read; and

Ordered, That the same be laid before the general Assembly.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Lieutenant John Cobea, late a Captain in the second regiment, was read, and approved.

Upon the petition of Anne McGreggin, convicted at the Philadelphia county court (session of March, 1782) of having received stolen goods, knowing them to be such, and sentenced, at the September session next ensuing, to pay a fine of twenty-five pounds to the use of the State,

Ordered, That in consideration of her age and poverty, the said fine be remitted.

Ordered, That the fine due to the State upon the forfeited recognizance of Richard Thomas and that of Thomas Casdrop, his bail, be remitted, upon condition that he give security to answer to the original charge of assault and battery, and notify the prosecutor to attend.

A letter from the Commissioners appointed to procure and direct an armament for the defence of the navigation in the bay and river Delaware, was read; and upon consideration,

Ordered, That they be authorized to make sale of the armed vessels in the service of the State, and that they be directed to deposit such military stores as are not perishable, in the publick magazine.

Passports to New York, by the way of Dobbs' Ferry, and to return, were granted to William Frizby and William Potts.

A passport to Carolina was granted to William Parker, his family, and effects.

Ordered, That the fine due upon the forfeited recognizance of Isaac Cooper be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	Sebastian Levan,
John Piper,	Christopher Hayes.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excelleney the President, to Elijah Weed, conveying lot No. 4, on the Province Island, containing ten acres and one hundred and thirty-nine perches of land, sold agreeably to law, for three hundred and ninety-five pounds five shillings and six pence of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed dated the eleventh day of April, 1783.

Upon the petition of Hopkins Driver, convicted of larceny in the county of Philadelphia, and sentenced to pay a fine of three pounds to the use of the State,

Ordered, That in consideration of his extreme poverty and long confinement, the said fine be remitted.

Upon the petition of Elizabeth Coxwell, convicted upon two indictments at the Philadelphia July sessions, 1782, and sentenced to pay two fines, amounting to three pounds five shillings to the use of the State,

Ordered, That the said fines be remitted.

Note—that no fees upon the petitions of Hopkins Driver, Elizabeth Croxwell, and Anne McGreggin, be taken.

A letter from Mr. Ezekial Robbins, of the city of New York, stating a demand made upon him by David Sproat, Esquire, for such monies as may remain in his hands upon a settlement of his accounts, and wishing to have the directions of Council upon this subject, was read; and upon consideration,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to inform Mr. Robins that the demand of David Sproat, Esquire, was not authorized by any act of theirs, and that Council wish him to retain the monies remaining in his hands upon a settlement of accounts, until he receive further directions.

The reports of the Comptrollor General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Captain James Carnighan, 8th regiment,	361 5 2	21 13 6
John Irvine, late of 2nd do,	333 0 11	19 19 7
Jeremiah Jackson, do. 11th do.;	212 1 8	12 14 5
Thomas Wylie, Artificers,	353 5 11	21 3 10
Samuel Craig, 1st reg't, 4 certif.,	382 4 3	22 18 7
John Helm, late of 5th regim't,	106 2 0	6 7 3
Lieutenant James Glentworth, 6th do, 2 certif.,	307 8 10	18 8 10
Charles Phile, 5 do.,	152 8 0	9 2 10
Captain Isaac B. Dunn, 3 do.,	507 11 8	30 9 0
Major George Tudor, late of the 5th do,	286 19 7	17 4 4
Doctor Peter Paris, late Surgeon, Ger. reg't.	310 13 6	18 12 9
Captain John D. Woelper, invalid, do,	440 11 0	26 8 7

	Principal.			Interest.		
Doctor William Adams, Surgeon of Art'y,	570	15	1½	34	4	10
Captain Isaac Roach, of State navy,	642	19	11	38	11	7
Captain Henry Martin, of State navy,	631	17	10	37	18	2
Captain Lieu't Andrew Dow, of Art'y Artificers,	191	11	11	11	9	10
Doctor Reading Beatty, Surgeon Art'y,	276	1	10½	16	11	3
Widow & children of L't Benj'n Griffiths, of the 9th reg't,	102	3	7	6	2	6
Rev'd William Rodgers, Chaplain,	936	12	6	56	4	0
Captain James Christie, of the 3rd regiment,	343	17	2	20	12	7
Stephen Beasly, of the State navy,	567	16	8	34	1	4
Nathan Boys, of do.,	594	0	0	35	12	9
Joseph Rice, of Artillery,	437	0	6	26	4	4
John McCulloh, private in 4th reg't,	60	3	1	3	12	2
Jacob Boyer, Corporal in the 6th do.,	90	17	3	5	9	0
Philip Boyer, private in the 4 do.,	83	11	8	5	0	3
Daniel Barkmire, Gunner, Art'y Art.,	32	16	0	1	19	4
Valentine Horse, Matross, do.,	42	1	9	2	10	5
Doctor Goodwin Wilson, Jr., Surgeon Gen'l, Hos.,	514	0	5	30	16	9
Thomas Bond, Purveyor, military do.,	1,068	2	10	64	1	8

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 12th April, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esq'r, President.

Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.
John Piper, Sebastian Levan, }

Upon the application of Mr. Meade, permission was granted to Susanna Pagley, and her two daughters, to come from New York to this city.

Passports to New York were granted to Peter W. Gallaudet, Daniel Hiester, Jun'r, and Owen Ferris.

A letter from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, inclosing the proclamation of Congress enjoining a cessation of hostilities, was read.

A letter from the Honorable Thomas Fitzimmons, of this day, was read, requesting the opinion of Council, whether vessels or goods coming into this State from Great Britain, or any of her ports or Colonies, can be admitted to entry at the Custom house.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Captain James Heron, in Hazen's regiment,	400	1	6	24	0	0
John Pearson, of second do.	326	7	11	19	11	7
Lieutenant George Blewer, of 4th do.	247	16	3	14	17	3
Captain William Davidson, late of 3rd do.,	140	0	0	8	8	0
Doctor Samuel Duffield, late Phy'n & Surg'n, G'l Hospi.,	1,249	4	2	75	3	7
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Robinson, of the 1st regim't,	600	0	0	36	0	0
Captain Robert Patton, late of 11th do.	463	5	6	27	15	10
The widow of Captain Robert Campbell, inv'd, do.,	348	1	7	20	17	7
Captain Robert Caldwell, late of Atlee's do.,	362	5	7	21	14	8
John Lawrence, late of 5th do.,	152	8	0	9	2	10
Honorable James Irvine, Esq'r, Brigadier Gen'l,	1,481	1	11¾	88	17	3
Jacob Ernfighter, Corp Art'y Artificiers,	56	19	9	3	8	4
Lieutenant Nicholas Fitzimmons, of State Navy,	361	9	9	21	13	8
Doctor William Shippen, Jun'r, late Director Gen'l Hosp.,	1,565	7	2	93	18	5
Colonel Francis Johnston, of the 5th regim't,	543	11	3	32	12	3
Captain Matthew McConnell, invalid regim't,	426	7	0	25	7	11
Lieu't Colonel William Williams, of 3d do.,	492	18	10	29	11	4
Colonel Richard Humpton, of 10th do.,	600	0	0	36	0	0
Stephen Moylan, of the Cavalry,	851	1	7¾	51	1	2
Thomas Proctor, late of Artillery,	836	2	2	50	3	2

	Principal.	Interest.
Captain Lawrence Keene, and Aid-du-Camp,	490 13 3	29 8 9
Abraham G. Claypoole, of 3rd reg't,	200 0 0	12 0 0
Andrew Hoge, late private, 10th do.,	54 18 8	3 5 9

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, } Esq'rs.
John Piper, James Cunningham, }

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, viz:

	Principal.	Interest.
Major William Vanleer, late Capt'n in the 9th r't,	268 6 8	16 2 0
Lieutenant William Honeyman, of Invalids,	293 5 9	17 11 11
John McLean, of the Penn'a navy,	258 18 9	15 10 7
Peter Stoy, late a Bombardier Art'y Artif.,	64 3 8	3 16 11
Alexander Wilson, late a Corporal do.,	54 15 5	3 5 8
Moses Rutter, late a Serjeant do.,	63 13 1	3 16 4
John Redman, a private, 3rd regim't,	60 8 8	3 12 6
Captain John Cobea, late of the 2nd do.,	393 18 1	23 12 7
Doctor Hugh Martin, late Surgeon 8th do.,	87 1 4	5 4 5
Captain Lieu't Jesse Crossley, of Artillery,	287 11 0	17 5 0

	Principal.			Interest.		
Lieutenant William Bell, of the Flying Camp,	345	13	7	20	14	9
Blackall W. Ball, of the 3rd regim't,	220	12	7	13	4	8
Andrew Dover, late of 5th do.,	325	13	8	19	10	9
Lieutenant David Marshall, of 5th reg't.	216	17	7	13	0	2
Doctor James Davidson, late Surg'n of do,	295	6	0	17	14	3
Gustavus H. Henderson, Surg'n's Mate, of 7th do,	308	4	2½	18	9	10
Barnabas Binney, Sen'r, Surg'n Mil'y Hospital,	1,005	14	9	60	6	10
Lieu't John Rudolph, late of the 5th reg't,	345	13	8	29	14	9
Ensign John Thompson, late of the militia,	53	12	5	3	4	3
Doctor George Glentworth, late Sen'r Surg'n G'l Hospital,	1,005	12	0	60	6	8
David Jackson, do.,	1,000	3	10	60	0	2
Alexander Power, Quarter Master Art'y,	284	4	11	17	1	0
The Rev'd Mr. Robert Blackwell, Chaplain,	591	11	0	35	9	9
Captain John Hughes, of the 1st regiment.	63	0	0	3	15	7
Lieu't John Craig, of the Flying Camp,	230	13	7	13	16	9
Angus Wilkinson, late a Gunner Art'y Artifs.,	58	2	0	3	9	8
Thomas Hood, late a Matross do.,	39	0	0	2	6	9
John Stiller, do. do.,	64	8	6	3	17	2
Captain Job Vernon, late of the 5th regim't,	336	14	10	20	4	0
Doctor James Tate, late Surgeon of 3rd do.,	472	18	11	28	7	4
Nicholas Hoffman, late a private in 10th do,	54	0	1	3	4	9
Peter Doyle, late do. in 6th do,	56	18	9	3	8	2

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt :

In favour of Honorable James Irvine, Esquire, for the sum of seventy-eight pounds fifteen shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Council 'till the thirteenth instant, inclusive.

In favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds specie, being one

quarter's salary as Comptroller General, due the thirteenth instant.

In favour of Captain Thomas Campbell, late of the fourth Pennsylvania, for the sum of eighty-seven pounds one shilling, under a resolution of the General Assembly, of the twentieth of February, 1783—See the minutes of July the 8th, 1782.

Passports to New York were granted to Blair McClenachan, Mercy Patterson, William Prichard, Michael Kraft, and Mrs. Andrew Allen, for herself and her two children, Andrew and Margaret, and a female attendant.

Mr. Stille appearing in Council, and producing a resolve of the General Assembly, confirming his nomination to the place of Commissioner for settling the accounts between the State of Pennsylvania and the United States, &c., the oath of qualification prescribed by an act of Congress, dated October the twentieth, 1782, was administered to him.

Upon the petition of Alexander Barr, private in the seventh battalion of Lancaster county militia, fined for neglect of duty,

Ordered, That his petition, with the certificates inclosed, be transmitted to the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, and that he be requested to decide upon them according to law.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to employ Joseph Dolby and others, in ringing the bells of Christ church on Wednesday next, upon the intended proclamation.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
James Cunningham, John Piper.

Passports to New York were granted to Doctor James Tate, and to Mercy Patterson, and an attendant.

Ordered, That the Secretary be authorized to make a demand of the Hessian colours taken at Trenton, and presented to the Council of this State in testimony of the sense entertained by his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, of the various and important services rendered by the Pennsylvania militia, and now in the custody of Timothy Matlack, Esquire.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
James Cunningham, Sebastian Levan.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for the sum of ninety-six pounds specie, in full of his account for attendance in Council till the twenty-first instant, and his mileage

A passport to New York was granted to William Hamilton, Esquire.

A draft of a proclamation for declaring the cessation of arms, as well by sea as by land, agreed upon between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty; and enjoining the observance thereof, in pursuance of the proclamation of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, of the eleventh instant, was laid before the Board and read, and the same was agreed to, in the words following, vizt:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

Declaring the cessation of arms, as well by sea as by land, agreed upon between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty; and enjoining the observance thereof.

WHEREAS, Provisional articles were signed at Paris on the thirtieth day of November last, between the Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United States of America for treating of Peace, and the Minister Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty, to be inserted in, and to constitute the Treaty of Peace proposed to be concluded between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty, when terms of peace should be agreed upon between their Most Christian and Britannic Majesties:

And whereas, Preliminaries for restoring peace between their Most Christian and Britannic Majesties, were signed at Versailles on the twentieth day of January last, by the Ministers of their Most Christian and Britannic Majesties:

And whereas, Preliminaries for restoring peace between the said King of Great Britain and the King of Spain, were also signed at Versailles, on the same twentieth day of January last:

By which said preliminary articles it hath been agreed, that as soon as the same were ratified, Hostilities between the said Kings,

their Kingdoms, States and Subjects, should cease in all parts of the world. And it was further agreed, that all vessels and effects that might be taken in the channel and in the North seas, after the space of twelve days from the ratification of the said preliminary articles, should be restored; that the term should be one month from the channel and North seas, as far as the Canary islands, inclusively, whether in the Ocean or the Mediterranean; two months from the said Canary islands, as far as the Equinoctial line or Equator; and lastly, five months in all other parts of the World, without any exception, or more particular description of time or place:

And whereas, It was declared by the Minister Plenipotentiary of the King of Great Britain, in the name and by the express order of the King his Master, on the said twentieth day of January last, that the said United States of America, their subjects and their possessions, should be comprized in the above mentioned suspension of arms at the same epochs, and in the same manner as the three Crowns above mentioned, their subjects and possessions respectively; upon condition, that on the part and in the name of the United States of America, a similar declaration shall be delivered, expressly declaring their assent to the said suspension of arms, and containing an assurance of the most perfect reciprocity on their part:

And whereas, The Ministers Plenipotentiary of these United States did, on the same twentieth day of January, in the name and by the authority of the said United States, accept the said declaration, and declare that the said States should cause all hostilities to cease against His Britannic Majesty, his subjects and his possessions, at the terms and epochs agreed upon between his said Majesty the King of Great Britian, His Majesty the King of France, and His Majesty the King of Spain, so, and in the same manner as had been agreed upon between those three Crowns, and to produce the same effects:

And whereas, The ratifications of the said preliminary articles between their Most Christian and Britannic Majesties, were exchanged by their Ministers on the third day of February last, and between His Britannic Majesty and the King of Spain, on the ninth day of February last:

And whereas, The United States in Congress assembled, did on the eleventh day of this month, declare it to be their will and pleasure that the cessation of hostilities between the said States and His Britannic Majesty should be conformable to the epochs fixed between their Most Christian and Britannic Majesties:

We have thought fit to make known the same to the citizens of this State; and we do hereby strictly charge and command all our officers, both by sea and land, and other citizens of this State, to forbear all acts of hostility, either by sea or land, against his Britannic Majesty or his subjects, from and after the respective times agreed upon between their Most Christian and Britannic Majesties, as aforesaid.

And we do further require all Sheriffs to cause this Proclamation to be made publick in their respective counties.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON, President.

Attest:—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Piper,
Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan.

Passports to New York were granted to the Honorable John Penn, Mrs. Penn, and their attendants, and to James Cullen.

Permission was granted to Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott and her two daughters, now in New York, to come to this city.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
The widow & children of Charles Hoffman, late Master of Colonel Proctor's Band, deceased,	109	17	1	6	11	9
The Rev'd Doctor James Sproat, late Chaplain Gen'l Hospital,	400	6	1	24	0	4
Josiah Jenkins, late a Matross, Art'y Artif's,	71	8	9	4	5	8
David Owen, late a private, 6th reg't,	54	12	9	3	5	6
Michael Altick, do. 10th do.,	86	6	1	5	3	6
Captain Jacob Ashmead, of the 2nd do,	340	1	0	38	8	0
Andrew Caldwell, Mate Gen'l Hospital,	300	0	0	18	0	0
William Henderson, late Paymaster Cavalry,	406	4	2	24	7	4
Captain Lieu't William E. Godfrey, of Art'y Artif's	278	14	9	16	14	5

	Principal.			Interest.		
George Detzell, late a Serjeant Artillery,	89	0	5	5	6	9
Asher Carter, Lieu't of militia,	180	8	2	10	16	6
James Edgar, private 2nd regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Samuel McClellan, late Lieu't F'g camp,	267	18	8	16	1	5
Ebenezer Carson, late Captain in 10th reg't,	297	13	10	17	17	1
Timothy Burns, late private 3rd do.,	59	3	7	3	10	10
Mathew Maguire, Capt'n Lieu't, & paym'r Art'y do.,	395	14	0	23	14	9
John Stricker, Lieutenant in the second do.,	201	2	6	12	1	3
Abraham Gordon, a fifer 3rd do ,	46	5	11	2	15	6
Captain John Nice, late of the 6th do.,	379	11	8	22	15	5
Bernard Ward, of Atlee's, do ,	202	0	0	12	2	4
Doctor William Smith, late sen'r Surg'n G'l Hosp'l,	1,029	3	3	61	14	10
John Green, Ensign, late of militia,	66	15	0	4	0	0
Jeremiah Hornhethe, a Matross Art'y,	63	13	6	3	16	4
Dennis McCarthy, Administrator to the estate of Morgan Connor, late Lieu't Col'l 7th reg't, dec'd,	462	13	2	27	15	1

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable John Piper,	James Cunningham,
Christopher Hayes,	Sebastian Levan.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to act of General Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
John Piper, Sebastian Levan.
James Cunningham,

A letter from Frederick Phile, Esquire, Naval officer, was read; and

Ordered, To be referred to the Honorable the delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of a committee of the Honorable House of Assembly, sent to the county of Chester, upon the business of the late seizure of British goods, was read and approved.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honourable James Cunningham, for the sum of ninety-nine pounds eight shillings and six pence specie, in full of his account for his attendance in Council 'till the twenty-first of April, 1783, inclusive, and his mileage.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Dolby, for six pounds specie, in full of his account for ringing the bells of Christ church upon the proclamation made of Wednesday last.

Passports to New York were granted to Thomas Bunce and Jacob Mayer.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Ignatius Keating, late a private 3rd Reg't,	59 3 1	3 10 11
James Campbell, do., 4th do,	41 11 5	2 9 10
Captain Nathaniel Vansandt, of 5th do.,	99 4 0	5 18 11
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Forrest of the Artillery,	614 6 9	36 17 2
Captain William Power, of do.,	268 17 6	16 2 6
Doctor William Magaw, Surg'n of 4th Reg't,	516 14 3	31 0 0
Ensign James Gilchrist, late of 5th do.,	41 11 10	2 9 10

	Principal.			Interest.		
Lieutenant Robert Darlington, late of Fly'g camp,	319	6	1	19	3	1
John Marshall, late Corporal Art'y Artificers,	50	13	10	3	0	9
Stephen Singlewood, late Sergeant of 2nd Reg't,	75	7	5	4	10	5
Hon'ble Arthur St. Clair, Major Gen'l, in part,	1,081	6	0	64	17	6

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Cunningham, Christopher Hayes.
James Irvine,

Passports to New York were granted to John Meehlin, Thomas Cheeseman, and Benjamin G. Eyre, and William Vanden Loeht.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, and } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes.
Sebastian Levan,

A letter from Captain Thomas Robeson of the Northumberland county Rangers, dated the twenty sixth ult'o, inclosing a return of stores retained for the use of the Wyoming Garrison, was read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

A passport was granted to James Harvey, Benjamin Linsey, Lawrence Robertson and Daniel Frazier, to go into New York and to return again.

A similar passport was granted to Henry Sneider.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, April 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan.
Christopher Hayes,

A passport was granted to George Weiss to go into New York and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.
Christopher Hayes, and }

Passports were granted to Daniel Gomez and John Browne and Mary, his wife, to go to New York and to return again.

The answers of the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court to the queries of Council respecting the entry of British vessels in the Naval office, were read; and

Ordered, To be filed.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 26th, 1783.

No Council.

Monday, April 28th, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, April 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.

A circular letter from the Superintendant of Finance, stating his a letter of appointment and instructions to the Paymaster General, was read.

A passport was granted to Murdock Martin and his son, to go into New York not to return again. No fees paid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, April 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Upon considering the petition of Samuel Tennis; it was,

Ordered, That the corporal punishment to which he was sentenced at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, held at the town of Carlisle, on the twenty-second day of April, 1783, be remitted.

Upon the petition of William Layland, convicted of larceny at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Philadelphia, on the third day of March, 1783, and sentenced to pay a fine of three pounds specie to the use of the State;

Ordered, That the said fine of three pounds adjudged to the use of the State, be remitted.

An order was drawn in favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds two shillings and eight pence, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper, 'till this day inclusively, and cash advanced by him in the purchase of sundry articles for the use of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.
The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.
James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.
Sebastian Levan, }

Ordered, That Mrs. Margaret Club, and her three children, have permission to come from the city of New York to the city of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That Robert Tomkins have permission to go to New York, and to return again.

Ordered, That Mr. Maclay be directed to forward two boxes of musquett cartridge, and three hundred rifle flints, to Captain Robeson, now at Wyoming, and that General Potter be requested to give some attention to their speedy and secure conveyance from Sunbury.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, be directed to deliver four hundred and fifteen pounds of powder, and eight weight of lead, to Colonel Christopher Hayes, for the use of the militia of Washington and Westmoreland counties.

Ordered, That letters be written enjoining it upon the Lieutenants of the said counties, not to issue any part of this ammunition upon the receipts of the officers commanding corps, and that the same obligation be carried down to the private soldier.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Colonel Tench Tilghman, Aid-de-Camp to his Exc'y the Commander-in-Chief,	871 13 9	52 5 11
Lieu't Colonel Solomon Bush, late D'y Adj't Gen'l of militia,	811 15 0	48 13 9
Thomas Wallace, Quarter Master Serjeant, second regiment,	83 10 0	5 0 2
Francis Donnelly, Serjeant of 1st Art'y Artificers,	81 15 0	4 18 0
John Nugent, Matross, of do.,	103 2 3	6 3 8
Leban Bocher, late Corporal of 4th reg't,	60 10 5	3 12 7

	Principal.			Interest.		
George Biddleson, late private in the second do.,	56	1	7	3	7	3
Alexandar Martin, Matross Artillery,	69	5	0	4	3	0
Lieutenant John Sprouls, late of do. Artificers,	121	0	0	7	5	2
Archibald McFall, late a private of 5th reg't,	60	11	0	3	12	8
William Shippen, late Master of Proctor's band of musie,	132	19	8	7	19	4
Peter Demon, a Dragoon of the Penn'a Cavalry,	56	0	5	3	7	2
John Hutchinson, private in the 1st reg't,	59	3	1	3	10	11
William Robb, private, late of the 3d do.,	90	13	0	5	8	9
Joseph Ashton, Lieut't in the reg't of Artillery,	324	6	6	19	9	2
Doctor George Stevenson, Mate of the Gen'l Hosp'l,	209	9	7	12	10	9
Hezekiah Davis, late a Lieu't of Flying Camp,	305	13	8	18	6	9
Lieu't Colonel Samuel Hay, of the 10th reg't,	717	9	3½	43	0	10
Andrew Lee, Lieutenant of Hazen's regiment,	246	6	10	14	15	7
Captain Alexander Graydon, late of the 3d reg't,	74	0	2	4	8	9
John Buckborough, late a private of 5th do.,	60	11	2	3	12	8
John McCreery, do. do.,	61	15	4	3	14	0
Edward Graham, a Dragoon of Cavalry,	64	13	7	3	17	6
Benjamin Stagg, private of the 5th reg't,	59	3	1	3	10	11
David Hall, private of the 5th do.	54	19	9	3	5	11
Samuel Boger, private of the 6th do.	85	16	7	5	3	0
Erkurius Beatty, Lieu't & Pay M'r & Clothier,	313	6	0	18	15	11
James Davis, late a Matross, Artificers,	44	15	0	2	13	7
John McGregon, late Sergeant Artillery,	95	6	6	5	14	4
Lieutenant John Pratt, Quarter M'r 4th reg't,	89	14	3¼	5	7	7
Simeon Shelleberger, private do.,	56	15	1	3	8	2
Captain Thomas Pry, of Hazen's reg't,	450	16	1	27	0	11
Donald McIntosh, Executor for Rob't Mortimer, late Serjeant of Cavalry,	138	19	0	8	6	8
Do. for Thomas Murray, Dragoon, do.,	65	18	10	3	19	0

	Principal.			Interest.		
John Murray, Esq'r, Lieu't Colonel 2nd reg't,	300	0	0	18	0	0
Ensign Ar'd'w Henderson, of 4th do.,	46	2	3¾	2	15	3
John Johnston, Corporal of the Artillery, do.,	70	1	2	4	4	0
Daniel Kennedy, late Adjutant of 6th do.,	516	17	3	31	0	0
William Fowles, late private of 6th do.,	54	19	9	3	6	0
Captain George McCully, of the 3rd do.,	218	0	8	13	1	7
Ludowick Orbigust, private of 1st do ,	59	3	1	3	10	11
George Norris, Lieu't of the Art'y Artificers,	283	18	6	17	0	9
Doctor Joseph Brown, late Surgeon of 7th do ,	378	19	3	22	14	8
Benjamin Perry, do. of 2nd do.,	136	4	6	8	3	3
Adam Handel, late private of 6th do.,	56	6	1	3	7	6
John Vanosbrand, Matross, Artillery reg't,	73	3	10	4	7	9
James Newberry, private in the 9th reg't,	57	10	1	3	8	11
Joseph Cunningham, late Serjeant 3d do.,	84	4	1	5	0	11
Benjamin Busby, a Dragoon of Cavalry,	65	15	5	3	18	10
The Rev'd Mr. Sam'l Blair, Chaplain of Artill'y,	312	4	10	18	14	6
John Wimott, private fourth regiment,	82	11	8	4	19	0
William O'Brien, private of the 2nd do.,	80	3	10	4	16	2
James Paulhill, late Serjeant Art'y Artificers,	62	12	3	3	15	0
Peter Smith, Lieu't and Quarter M'r 3rd reg't,	283	6	1	17	0	0
Philip Hope, late a private in the second reg't,	56	12	7	3	7	10
Lieutenant Thomas Wynn, late of the Flying Camp,	345	13	7	20	14	9
Peter Williams, late private, say drummer, 3d reg't,	88	1	9	5	5	7
Captain Peter Decker, late of the 5th do.,	312	13	10	18	15	0
John Irvine, private of do.,	92	5	4	5	10	7
Doctor William Catheart, late Surgeon Cavalry,	500	3	8	30	0	2

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan.
Christopher Hayes,

A passport to Detroit, by the way of Albany and the lakes Ontario and Erie, was granted to John Bull, a Moravian missionary, and his companion, John Wygant.

A passport was granted to Nicholas Romayne, D. M., to go into New York, and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.
Sebastian Levan, }

A letter from Colonel Valentine Eckhart, Lieutenant of the county of Berks, praying direction from the Board in what manner to proceed against delinquent Collectors of militia fines in the said county, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Lieutenant be directed to proceed according to law, without loss of time, against all Collectors of militia fines who may have neglected to do their duty.

The report of the Comptroller General on the account of Joseph Dean, Esquire, for an estate purchased by him of William Bell, an attainted traytor, was read and approved; and

Ordered, That upon Mr. Dean's paying into the Treasury the ballance of the purchase money according to the agreement between him and said Bell, a deed be executed in due form of law, for the land purchased as aforesaid, and that the interest be left unpaid untill the General Assembly shall determine thereon, taking into consideration the circumstances of the case.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Ordered, Upon the petition of Michael Hillegas, in behalf of his son Samuel Hillegas, and upon the petition of John Dorset, that a pardon issue for the said John Dorset, now confined in the old gaol under sentence of death, upon condition that he be transported to some foreign country with the time limited by law, and not return again to this State, or any of the United States of America.

A passport was granted to Owen Jones, Junior, to go into the city of New York, and to return again.

This being the day assigned for the meeting of the Board of Property of this State, the Honorable General Ewing and Mr. Hayes agreed to meet the other members of the said Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Resolved, That an order issue upon the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General of Accounts, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeable to act of General Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller General is to account.

Resolved, That upon a reference to some original papers now in this office, corroborated by the testimony of Colonels Proctor, For-

rest, and others, it appears to Council that Doctor William Adams, late a Surgeon in the fourth or Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery, retired from service under a resolve of Congress dated in October, 1780, and that they consider him intitled to all the advantages resulting from said resolve.

Ordered, That a letter expressive of the sense of Council on this subject, be written to the Secretary at War.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
John Van Campen, George Wall.

Ordered, That the British prisoners now in march for New York from the different places of their confinement, have permission to pass through this city.

Ordered, That the Honorable James Irvine and John Van Campen, Esquires, be requested to call upon the Superintendant of Finance, and procure from the stores of Continental cloathing under his direction, such articles as have been reported to be immediately necessary for the garrison at Wyoming.

Upon the representation of the Judges, and the intercession of many reputable inhabitants of this city,

Resolved, That a pardon issue in favour of Ward Spooner, now under sentence of death for the crime of burglary in the gaol of Newtown, and county of Bucks.

A deed for lots No. 997, 1002, 1005, inclusive, 1027, 1030 to 1037, and from 1043 to 1047, inclusive, in the city of Philadelphia, was examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to James Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, Sarah Stamper Gibson, Louise Gibson and John Gibson, heirs of John Gibson, Esq'r, deceased, which said lots were sold agreeable to law, for redemption of bills of credit of this State of 29th of April, 1780. Consideration £745 of said bills. Deed dated the seventh of May, 1783.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read, and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the

excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
William McCowen, Matross of Artillery Artificers,	50	17	2	3	1	0
Captain John Alexander, of the seventh regiment,	499	3	0	29	18	11
Thomas Armstrong, late a Lieutenant of militia,	340	7	4	20	8	5
Jacob Nagle, late a private of the 3rd regiment,	58	7	4	3	10	0
Reverend David Jones, Chaplain 2d brigade,	865	4	2	51	18	2
Colonel Walter Stewart, of 2nd Penn'a regiment,	644	15	8	38	13	8
Colonel Andrew Porter, late Captain of Artillery,	442	7	2	26	10	9
James Vasosten, late Sergeant Artillery,	79	18	8	4	15	9
Captain Lieutenant John Stricker, of do.,	263	8	3	15	16	0
Captain Bernard Hubley, of German regim't,	342	12	0	20	11	0
Peter Collosser, musician of Proctor's Artillery,	91	4	2	5	9	4
Doctor John Cowell, late Second Surgeon g'l hosp.,	508	19	5	30	10	7
James Hatton, Matross Artillery Artificers,	52	11	11	3	3	0
Captain Patrick Duffey, of the Artillery,	397	0	11	23	16	5
Lieutenant Edward Crawford, of the first reg't,	326	1	8	19	11	2
Do. Robert Porter, late cadet Artillery,	54	18	3	1	14	3
William Gustock, private of the third regiment,	54	18	3	3	5	9
Henry Fritt, do. 7th do.,	54	7	6	3	5	2
John Wigton, Lieutenant & Paymaster 3rd do,	338	3	8	20	5	9
Hopkins Driver, a private of the 3rd regiment,	59	7	7	3	11	3
John Woodside, late a Lieutenant, do.,	66	19	6	4	0	3

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, John Van Campen, and George Wall.

Upon the petition of Francis Wade, in behalf of his son James Wade,

Ordered, That a pass be granted to the said James Wade, to go into New York and to return.

A letter from the President of Congress, inclosing their act of the second instant upon the subject of literary property, was read.

The petition of James Durant, praying a remission of the fine of twenty-five pounds adjudged to the State upon his conviction of a breach of the peace, was read; and on consideration, unanimously rejected.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of the Trustees of the Province, now State Island, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, George Wall, Jun'r, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, was read and approved.

A report of the damages sustained by the inhabitants of the county of Bucks, from the troops and adherents of His Brittannic Majesty, in the course of the late war, was this day presented to Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer of the State in favour of the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, being one quarter's salary as Vice President, due upon the seventh instant.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer of the State, vizt:

In favor of John and Henry Apt, and John Stutzer, for the sum of twenty-eight pounds specie, due to them for repairs made upon the State House pumps.

In favor of William Lynn, for five pounds twelve shillings and six pence specie, for services performed in transporting a quantity of State stores from this city to Carlisle.

In favor of Captain Philip Schrawder, for the sum of five hundred and thirty-eight pounds ten shillings, he to be accountable, to be applied in discharging two months' pay to the Northampton county and Northumberland county Ranging companies, now stationed at Wyoming, and to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

In favour of Hugh M'Collom, for the sum of eight pounds ten shillings, for the purpose of transporting a quantity of publick ammunition from this city to Conecocheage.

Ordered, That the corporal punishment to have been inflicted upon Hannah McDonald, agreeably to sentence passed upon her by the last City Court, on conviction of larceny, be remitted.

Note—No fees paid.

A return of Burgesses and other officers elected for the town of Carlisle, was received and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, } Esquires.
Christopher Hayes, John Van Campen, }

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable Christopher Hayes, for seventy-nine pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, in full of his account for attendance in Council till the fifteenth instant, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable Christopher Hayes, James Irvine,
George Wall, John Van Campen.

A circular letter from Mr. President Boudinot, inclosing the address of Congress to the several States upon the subject of finance, was read.

Ordered, That the Judges of the Court of Appeals in Maritime cases, be permitted to have recourse to the State Library.

Two orders were drawn upon the Treasurer of the State in favour of his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President, for the sum of twelve hundred and fifty pounds specie, being the amount of his salary for one year as President of the State, the whole to become due on the seventh day of November, 1783.

Two deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers lots of ground in the city of Philadelphia, sold agreeable to law, for redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780, as follows, vizt:

To John Steinmetz, Esquire, for lots No. 1732, 1763, 1764 & 1765. Consideration,	£715 0 0
William Milnor, do No. 485, 486 & 487,	159 0 0

Which sums the said persons have paid to the Treasurer of the State. Deeds dated the twelfth day of May, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan.
George Wall,

Upon the petition of Isaac Pyle, convicted of a misdemeanor in aiding British prisoners to escape, and sentenced at the late Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Chester, to a fine of

fifteen pounds, imprisonment till the first day of June next, &ca., &ca.

Ordered, That the imprisonment of Isaac Pyle, upon his discharging the fine adjudged to the State, his fees, and the costs of prosecution, and upon his also finding sufficient security for his good behaviour, be remitted.

Resolved, That Mr John Stokely be appointed Collector of Excise for the county of Westmoreland, in the room of Anthony Thompson, resigned.

Upon the Comptroller General's report on the account of William Roberts, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said William Roberts, for the sum of three pounds and ten pence, due to him, being the price of a writing desk furnished by him for publick purposes.

Resolved, That Mr. William Turnbull be requested to act on the part of this State, in appraising such articles of cloathing as have been procured from the Superintendant of Finance, in consequence of the order of Council of the seventh instant.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, John Van Campen, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.

Upon the Comptroller General's reports, an order was drawn in favour of Griffith Evans, for the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings specie, being one quarter of a year's salary as Assistant to the Comptroller General of Accounts, due upon this day.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Peter Rice, private of the second regiment,	59 1 7	3 10 10
Lieu't John Sullivan, of Moylan's do.,	64 11 3	3 17 4
do. Jacob Mummey, of the Flying Camp,	345 13 8	20 14 9

	Principal.			Interest.		
Peter Lights, Matross Artillery Artificers,	32	8	6	1	18	9
John Johnston, late Adjutant Flying Camp,	354	14	9	21	5	6
Thomas Collins, late private third regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Captain Robert Sample, of 10th do.,	200	5	0	12	0	2
do. John Richardson, of fifth do.,	125	0	4	7	10	0

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 15th, 1783.

This day Council went down to view Billingsport and Mud Island, in the river Delaware.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Christopher Hayes,
George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan.
John Van Campen,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to write a letter to the Health Officer, expressing the order of Council that he pay the utmost attention to the discharge of his duty as defined by law.

Ordered, That Messieurs George Bryan, John Bayard, and Robert Knox, Trustees of State Island, be desired to meet the Council to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Ordered, That Commissions issue upon the return of the late election, by the Lieutenant of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and that they take date from the first instant.

Upon the petition of John Bullar, convicted of a misdemeanor at the late Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Chester, and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty pounds specie, to the use of the State, remain imprisoned till the fourth day of July, &ca., &ca.

Ordered, That the imprisonment of said Bullar be remitted, on condition that he give sufficient security for the payment of the fine, and fulfil the remaining part of the sentence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esq'r, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Sebastian Levan,
John Van Campen, Christopher Hayes.
George Wall, Jun'r,

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Marshall Edwards, Esquire, late Paymaster of Philadelphia county militia, was read and approved.

A passport was granted to Alexander Irvine to go into New York and to return again.

Ordered, That Gunning Bedford and Thomas Nevill, of this city, be requested to attend at the Council Chamber on Monday next, at twelve o'clock.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Doctor Samuel Davies, Surgeon's Mate, Gen'l Hosp'l,	237	13	6	14	5	1
Gabriel Blackeney, Lieutenant Flying Camp,	230	13	6	13	16	9
Israel Thornhill, Matross of Artillery Artificers,	46	1	9	2	15	2
Robert Magaw, Esq'r, late Colonel 6th regiment,	842	17	6	50	11	4
The Ex'ors of Hon'ble Wm. Thompson, Esq'r, late B. Gen'l,	398	8	9	23	18	0
Lieutenant Stewart Herbert, of 6th regiment,	295	19	8	17	15	1
do. William Feltman, of 10th do.,	256	19	5	15	8	1
Captain Isaac Seely, of 5th do.,	230	7	6	13	16	5

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honourable James Irvine, George Wall,
John Van Campen, Christopher Hayes.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Captain Lieutenant John Boyd, 3rd regiment,	331	17	5	19	18	2
Peter Robinson, father of Robert Robinson, late Surgeon's Mate of Flying Camp, dec'd,	61	14	3	3	13	11
Lieutenant Andrew Boyd, late of the Flying Camp,	92	10	3	5	10	11
Nicholas Reib, late a Matross Artillery Artificers,	5	3	8	0	6	2
John Murphy, late a private, 2nd reg't,	56	16	7	3	8	1
Major Jeremiah Talbott, 6th do,	334	0	0	20	0	9
Lieutenant John Harper, 5th do,	133	18	5	8	0	7
John Priestly, late a Captain, do.,	100	0	0	6	0	0
Ezra Patterson, late Lieutenant, Artillery,	267	9	11	16	0	11
Colonel Adam Hubley, of 11th reg't,	877	8	8	52	12	9

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honourable James Irvine, George Wall,
Christopher Hayes, John Van Campen.

Two passports were granted to the city of New York, the one to Thomas Rees, and the other to Jacob Weaver and Daniel Weidner.

The Comptroller General's reports on the accounts of William Rush and Isaac Snowden, Esquire, were read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General of Accounts. for the sum of five hundred pounds State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the discharge of one-third of depreciation certificates to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeably to an act of General Assembly bearing date on the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller is to account.

An invoice and appraisement of cloathing, procured under the minute of Tuesday, the thirteenth instant, by the Honorable James Irvine and John Van Campen, were read and accepted.

Note.—That the cloathing is delivered to Captain Philip Schrawder, and his receipt taken.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	George Wall, Jun'or,
John Van Campen,	Christopher Hayes.

Upon consideration,

Ordered, That Colonel Moylan's appointment of John Robins, Esquire, to the rank of Lieutenant in the fourth or Pennsylvania regiment of Light Dragoons, be confirmed, and that his commission bear date accordingly, from the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
The Reverend Robert Mordie, Chaplain first brigade,	313 15 6	18 16 5
Isaac Vanhorne, Captain Lieutenant 6th regim't,	256 14 8	15 7 11
Angus McEver, private of 3d do.,	60 8 8	3 12 7
Nicholas Lutz, Esq'r, late Lieutenant Colo. F'y Camp,	516 15 10	31 0 1
John McKinney, Lieutenant 5th reg't,	202 16 2	12 3 2

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, George Wall, Jun'r, Christopher Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable Richard Peters, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred pounds, on account of his pay as a Delegate in Congress from this State.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Thomas Slattery, private of the eleventh reg't,	56	5	4	3	7	5
John Craig, Captain of the Pennsyl'a Cavalry,	441	14	4½	26	9	11
Joseph Lewis, private of the second regiment,	59	1	7	3	10	9
William Whitman, late Lieutenant of ninth do,	370	6	8	22	4	4
John Bryce, Captain of Artillery,	398	4	5	27	17	9
Andrew Forrest, Captain, late of the 3rd reg't,	324	9	5	19	9	3
James Ryan, private of the second do.,	59	1	7	3	10	9
Captain Worsley Emes, of the Artillery,	271	4	2	16	5	4
Jacob Steinback, private of the 2nd regiment,	39	18	8	2	7	11

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 23d, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior,
John Van Campen, Christopher Hayes.
Sebastian Levan,

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain John Boyd, of the Bedford County Rangers, for the sum of sixty-one pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence specie, amount of his account for retained rations, from the tenth day of February, 1781, till the first day of January, 1783, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of James Old, for cash received on account, and for cannon, &ca., made and furnished by him for the Committee and Council of Safety in the years 1776 and 1777, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Van Campen, and
George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan.
Christopher Hayes,

The following reports of the Comptroller General were read and approved, vizt:

Upon the account of John Thompson, late Sheriff of the county of Bucks

Upon the account of Caleb Davis, Esq'r, Clerk of the Quarter Sessions Chester co'y.

Upon the account of John Whitman, late Collector of Excise for Berks co'y.

Upon the account of William Irvine, Brigadier General in the army of the Uni. States.

Upon the account of Matthew Henderson, Esq'r, late Collector of Excise, Cumberland co'y.

Upon the account of J. Buchannan, Esq'r, do, do.

Upon the account of William Steel, Esq'r, a Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster county.

Upon the account of John Patterson, a Comm'y of Issues on frontiers of Northamp'n co'y.

Upon the account of George Graff, Esquire, Collector of Excise, do.

Upon the accounts of Dr. David Jackson, late Quar. M'r Gen'l of ye Penn'a militia.

Upon the accounts of William Montgomery, Esq'r, charged with the disposition of £547 10 0, advanced for the use of the troops stationed in Northum'd co'y.

Upon the account of William Evans, Esq'r, late Comm'r of Forfeited Estates, Ches'r co'y.

Upon the accounts of Michael Hahn and others, do., of York co'y.

Upon the account of Andrew Doz, Esq'r, late Com'r of Purchases, Philad'a city.

Upon the account of the Hon'ble Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for provisions furnished, and expences incurred in running the line between this State and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Note.—That in consideration of some losses sustained by Colonel Hayes, Council resolve to make him a farther allowance of two pence upon each ration.

A letter from John Cannon, Esquire, Contractor for the Subsistence of the Washington Rangers, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Van Campen, Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Henry Miller, Esquire, Sheriff of York county, Thomas Hale, Esq'r, late Agent for Forfeited Estates in the county of Philadelphia, and Jacob Shoemaker and John Hayes, Esquires, Sub-Lieutenants of the county of Northampton, were read and approved.

Upon the petition of John Snyder, now confined in the old gaol,

Ordered, That the fine of ninety-eight pounds, to which he was sentenced upon conviction of larceny, be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lieutenant Richard Johnston, for the sum of twenty pounds specie, being two

months' pay advanced to him as Lieutenant of Captain Boyd's company of Rangers in Bedford county, for which he, the said Johnston, is to account. To be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, May the 27th.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Van Campen,
Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, &
George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers, (who began his attendance on this day.)

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Smith, Esquire, Commissioner of the Continental Loans, for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, in notes issued by act of Assembly intitled "An Act for providing the quota of Federal supplies, &ca.," for the purpose of discharging the interest due on certificates of money loaned, or other debts due by the United States to the inhabitants of this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, May 28th, 1783

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r,
John Buyers, Sebastian Levan,
John Van Campen, Christopher Hayes.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Major William Alexander, for the sum of twenty-eight pounds seventeen shillings specie, being the ballance of his recruiting account for the year 1778; to be paid out of the monies arising from the class tax appropriated to the recruiting service.

Passports to New York were granted to Governeur Morris, Esquire, Henry Garrison and Jacob Robinson.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Lewis Grant, for lots in the city of Philadelphia numbered from 615 to 623, inclusive: Sold agreeable to law, for the sum of

two hundred and eighty-nine pounds of the bills of this State dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed dated the 28th May, 1783.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
William Work, a private of the third regiment,	88	1	8	5	5	8
John Armstrong, late Serjeant 1st do.,	83	2	6	4	19	8
William Martin, Captain Lieu't of Artillery,	313	2	5½	18	15	8
Michael Swoope, Col'o Flying Camp,	905	9	2	54	6	7
William Alexander, Major 3rd regiment,	479	4	7	28	14	11
John Weidman, Lieu't and Adjutant of German reg't,	403	0	5	24	3	7
Richard Hutchinson, private, late of 11th do.,	45	6	5	2	14	4
Laughlin Byrne, private of the 5th do.,	82	11	4	4	19	0
Detrick Snyder, private of the 4th do.,	88	13	4	5	8	4
Lieutenant McDowell, of the 1st do.,	206	9	11¾	12	7	9
Captain Benjamin Wallace, of the Flying Camp,	516	17	3	31	0	2
William Johnston, late a fifer in the second reg't,	37	9	11	2	4	11
Robert Wilson, private of the third do.,	54	5	7	3	5	0
Patrick Donaughoo, private of the tenth do.,	58	18	4	3	10	7
William Hudson, late a Serjeant of Artill'y Artif'rs,	65	13	1	3	18	9

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, May 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, John Buyers, John Van Campen, George Wall, junior, } Erq'rs.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Thomas Scott, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Washington, and of Robert Turner, of this city, keeper of the State flagg, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a passport to Winchester, in the State of Virginia, be given to John Garvi, late of the British army—no fees paid.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for the sum of twelve pounds five shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Council till this day.

A deed was examined and signed by the Honorable the Vice President, conveying to Solomon Marache lots in the city of Philadelphia, marked and numbered from 1720 to 1724, inclusive, sold agreeably to law, for the sum of £1,330 0 0, of the bills of credit of this State dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed dated this day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, May 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Mary Crabb, for the sum of twenty pounds ten shillings specie, in full of her account for house rent, and 150 weight of lead furnished by her for publick purposes.

The Comptroller General's report of the twenty-ninth instant, upon the account of the Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, was read and approved.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and forty-four pounds specie, being the ballance of his account for attendance in Congress till the twentieth day of May, 1783.

A deed was examined and signed by the Hon'ble James Ewing, Esquire, Vice President, conveying to Joseph Dean, Esquire, one hundred and thirty six acres of land, situate in Upper Merion township, in the county of Philadelphia, late the estate of William Bell, late of the county of Chester, an attainted traytor, being the same tract which the said Bell, before his attainder of high treason, did covenant to convey to the said Joseph Dean, in ffee simple. Deed dated the thirtieth day of May, 1783. [Note—That Mr. Dean hath paid to the Treasurer of the State the ballance of the purchase money, according to the agreement with said Bell, and given bond for the payment of the interest on the said ballance, in case the General Assembly shall determine that the same ought to be paid.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 31st, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Sebastian Levan, John Van Campen, John Buyers, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Robert Turner, for ten pounds specie, in full of his account for hoisting and repairing the State flagg.

In favour of John Patterson, Commissary of Issues for the county of Northampton, for the sum of fifty pounds eight shillings specie, in compensation for his publick services from the nineteenth of July 'till the first of December, 1782, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

In favour of the Hon'ble Sebastian Levan, for the sum of fifty-three pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full of his account for attendance in Council from the first day of April last till this day, inclusive.

In favour of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his wages as Door-keeper to Council till this day, inclusively, and cash paid for five newspapers.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of Nicholas Sweyer, for his own and the pay of a number of waggons under his direction, was read and approved.

The petition of Thomas Hill, praying remission of his militia fine, was read and referred to the Lieutenant of the county of Bucks.

Upon the petition of Jane Keane, convicted of keeping a disorderly house at the City Quarter Sessions of October, 1782, and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty pounds to the use of the State,

Ordered, That twenty pounds of the said fine be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Sebastian Levan, John Buyers, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

The Honorable the Vice President and Mr. Wall were named to attend the Board of Property, which sits this morning.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Robert Stewart and John Carr, for their services in attending a controversy between this State and Robert Tharp, for cloathing seized agreeably to a law passed in 1778, was read and approved.

Upon the memorial of William Will, Esquire, praying that the prisoners under his charge may be removed from the old to the new gaol of this city, and on the advice of our delegation to Congress, that "the Secretary at War was authorized to repair and deliver the said new gaol to such person as Council might please to direct or appoint;"

Ordered, That Mr. Will be informed of this fact, and desired to give his attention to the business.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Thomas Kelley, late a Dragoon in Moylan's Cavalry,	89	10	5	5	7	5
Captain Gibb Jones, of the Artillery,	363	6	0	21	15	11
Lieutenant Benjamin Marshall, 5th Regiment,	75	18	4	4	11	0
John Beatty, late Major of do.,	171	2	6	10	5	3
Stout Branson, private, late of the second do.,	56	1	7	3	7	2
Benjamin Ashton, private of do.,	36	11	5	2	3	9
John McIlvaine, private of the third,	60	6	11	3	12	4

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, and John Buyers, } Esquires.

The petition of Abraham Midcaff, praying remission of his militia class fine, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster.

The petition of John Briggs convicted of a misdemeanor in the county of Chester, in harbouring Gideon Vernon, an attainted traytor, and sentenced to a fine of fifty pounds, to be paid to the use of the State, to be imprisoned 'till the fourteenth of October next, &ca., was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the imprisonment of John Briggs, upon his finding security for the payment of his fine, fees, and costs of prosecution, and to be of good behaviour for three years, be remitted.

Ordered, That Messieurs Gunning Bedford and Thomas Nevell be requested to proceed with as much dispatch as possible, to have the pest houses repaired, so as to answer the purposes for which they were intended; that they be also requested to employ or dispose of the thirteen chevaux de frize now lying on the Jersey Shore, and the boom at the piers, in such manner as will be most advantageous to the State, and report their proceedings to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r.
John Van Campen,

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782,

as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Doctor Robert Johnston, Physician and Surgeon in the military hospital,	1,283	3	4	76	19	9
John Boggs, late a matross of Artillery Artificers,	51	12	6	3	1	10
William Hanna, private of the second regiment,	46	3	1	2	15	4
Doctor Thomas Harrison, Surgeon of the Cavalry,	270	8	5¼	16	4	5
Captain William Henderson, of the fourth regiment,	310	4	2	18	12	2
James Greer, Esquire, late Major of the 10th do.,	305	17	5½	18	7	0
Matthew Knox, Captain in the third do.,	58	11	5	3	10	2
John Clinger, late a Corporal in do.,	66	14	7	4	0	0
Philip Schawder, Captain late of the German do.,	345	3	9	20	14	2
Lieutenant Edward Butler, of the 5th do.,	176	8	6	10	11	7
Frederick Leonard, late private of the 2nd do.,	87	11	7	5	5	0
Conrad Shire, private of the third do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of David Marshall, Esquire, Lieutenant of the fifth Pennsylvania regiment, was read and approved.

An account of services performed at a special Court of Oyer and Terminer held at the town of Bedford, by Bernard Dougherty, Esq'r, and others, was read, and postponed for consideration.

The monthly returns of Captain Stokeley's Ranging companies for April and May were read.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer, the one in favour of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, Attorney General of the State, the other in favour James Wilson, Esquire, for the sum of forty pounds each, being the fees charged by them for the management of the cause depending between this State and Timothy Matlack, Esquire, late Secretary of this Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING.

James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of the Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire, for the sum of fifty-five pounds specie, in part of his pay as a member of Council, for which he is to be accountable.

In favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General of Accounts, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of discharging one-third of depreciation certificates due to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In favour of Major James Grier, of the third regiment, for the sum of seventeen pounds eight shillings, ballance of his recruiting account for the year 1778, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the recruiting service.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of John Moore, Esquire, of Westmoreland county, David Espy, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Bedford, and John Sigfriedt, late Sheriff of the county of Northampton, were read and approved.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Lieutenant James Pettigrew, conveying one hundred and five acres and one-quarter of land, situate in Macungie township, in the county of Northampton: Sold agreeably to law, for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds specie, as the forfeited estate of Joseph Romich, an attainted traytor. Deed dated the fifth day of June, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Buyers, George Wall, Junior, } Esq'rs.

Upon consideration,

Ordered, That the Bedford, Westmoreland and Washington Ranging companies, be immediately discharged from the service of

the State, but that, in a settlement of accounts, they be intitled to pay and rations 'till the first day of July next. It is expected that Captains Boyd and Stokely will come prepared to settle with the Comptroller General for the whole. The eldest officer of the company lately commanded by Captain John Hughes is, therefore, directed to put all his vouchers, &ea., into the hands of these gentlemen. The corps is also informed, that Council, under, a sense of their many services, will take some early moment to call the attention of the Assembly to their situation, and that no disposition or good offices shall be wanting to render it as easy as possible.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Captain Philip Schrawder for money advanced in transporting the provisions and baggage of his company of Rangers from Northampton county to Wyoming, was read and approved; and an order drawn in favour of the Captain, on the Treasurer, for the sum of thirty pounds specie.

Note.—That in the settlement of the contractor's account, it is the sense of Council that a reasonable deduction be made for this allowance.

Upon the petition of the merchants, shop-keepers and others, dealers in salt, against the price exacted by the officer appointed to measure that article, &ea.,

Ordered, That Mr. William Greenway be desired to attend at the Council Chamber at twelve o'clock to-morrow.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Lieutenant Robert Brown, of the Flying Camp,	345 13 7½	20 14 9
Archibald McNair, late a Sergeant of Artillery,	86 2 10	5 3 3
Doctor Samuel Edmiston, Second Surgeon, G'l Hosp'l,	518 15 10	31 2 5
Do. Alexander Stewart, Surgeon third Regiment,	695 9 8	41 14 7
William Barber, private, of second do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10
Peter Tiets, Matross of the Artillery, do.,	65 5 11	4 0 7
James Mitchell, Sergeant Major of the 5th do.,	65 0 0	3 18 0
Conrad Stone, private in the second do.,	42 4 11	2 10 6
Nathaniel Smith, Lieutenant, late of the 5th do.	45 13 5	2 14 9

	Principal.			Interest.		
George Helm, late private in the second do.,	59	1	7	3	18	9
Francis Murray, Esq'r, Lieutenant Colo., late of 13th do.,	640	6	4	38	8	4
Owen M'Glaughlin, private, of Hazen's Regiment,	90	19	7	5	9	0
Martin Cox, Sergeant, in the sixth do.,	63	9	5	3	16	1

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

In consequence of the minute of yesterday, Mr. Greenway attended in Council, and upon being heard, it was

Ordered, That the Memorialists, or some of them, be desired to attend at the Council Chamber at twelve o'clock on Monday next.

A circular letter from the Superintendant of Finance, pressing the collection and payment of taxes, was read and replied to, in a letter of this day.

Upon the petition of John Burrows and others, in favour of Samuel Burrows, convicted of felony at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Newtown for the county of Bucks in April last, and sentenced to a fine of one hundred pounds specie for the use of the State, a restoration of the good stolen, or one hundred pounds specie, to the prosecutor, &ca., &ca.

Ordered, That his punishment by lashes and pillory be remitted.

The petition of William Green, by his Attorney, John Lee, praying that certain papers deposited with the late Secretary of Council in September, 1781, be delivered to him, was read and granted.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of Bernard Dougherty and Michael Huffnagle, Esquires, were read and approved, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of the former for the sum of one hundred, and another for the latter for the sum of fifty pounds, both sums to be paid out of the residue of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence, the same being in part of their accounts for provisions furnished to the troops stationed in the counties of Bedford and Westmorel'd.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan,
George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers.

Ordered, That a determination upon the cases of Jeremiah Sturgeon and James Paxson, now under sentence of death in the gaol of Carlisle, be postponed for consideration.

Ordered, That warrants issue for the execution of William Bibb and Thomas Hiler, convicted of murder at a late Court of Oyer and Terminer held at York town for the county of York, and that the said execution take place on the 21st of this month.

Ordered, That the fine of fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and two pence to be paid to the Commonwealth by Elizabeth Smith, upon conviction of larceny in the county of Chester, be remitted.

Upon the petition of Thomas Ward, convicted of burglary, and sentenced to death at the late Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Chester,

Resolved unanimously, That a pardon issue in his favour.

Upon a conference had between the merchants, &c., of the city, and William Greenway, measurer of salt, on the memorial of the said merchants, it was agreed that four shillings and two pence per hundred bushells shall be received by him untill the Legislature shall determine upon it; one-half to be paid by the seller, and the other half by the buyer.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.
John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, }

Ordered, That the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia be directed to adopt some plan for removing the obstructions to the navigation of the Delaware, represented in their letter of to-day, and that they make a report of their proceedings to this Board.

The memorial of Messieurs Lacaze and Mallet, accompanied by a letter from Monsieur Marbois, praying that such part of the cargo of the ship Grand d' Estaing from Bourdeaux, as was originally intended for the West India market, may be exempted from the duties, was read, and an order taken that a list of such part of the cargo as may fall within that description, may be presented for the consideration of Council.

A letter of instructions to the Surveyor General, agreeably to an act of Assembly intitled An Act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representatives; and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned, for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally, at the end of the war, was brought in by the President, read and approved.

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board be directed to call upon Henry Osborne, Esquire, and inform him that he is discharged from the service of the State, and that he is hereby required to deliver up all the publick papers, which may have come into his hands as Escheator General, Sollicitor in the late trial with the State of Connecticut, Agent for Forfeited Estates in the city of Philadelphia, and Judge Advocate of the militia, to the said Secretary.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved; and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Barnabas M'Guire, Corporal, late of the 1st Reg't,	37	8	2	2	4	9
Lawrence Pendegrass, Corporal of Artillery,	60	8	2	3	12	5
Hugh Huston, a Matross of Artillery Atificers,	27	19	10	1	13	6
John Dougherty, private of second regiment,	36	18	7	2	4	2
Doctor Samuel M'Closky, Surgeon Artillery Artificers,	424	16	7	25	9	8
Captain Charles Turnbull of Artillery,	430	7	4	25	16	5
David Ernfighter, late a Matross Artillery Artificers,	46	19	3	2	16	2
Edward Williamson, private, late of the 2nd regiment,	88	11	7	5	6	2
Robert Lettis Hooper, Jun'r, Administrator of the estate of Thomas Byles, late Major in the third regiment,	579	1	2	34	14	10

	Principal.			Interest.		
George Kellar, Fifer in the first regiment of Art'y,	71	17	5	4	6	2
Robert Patterson, Drummer do.	72	0	5	4	6	4
Andrew Roark, Serjeant in the fourth regiment,	79	9	7½	4	15	4
William Prosser, do. do.	75	17	4½	4	11	0
James M'Intire, private in do.	58	7	7	3	10	0
Joseph Fletcher, late Bombadier of Artillery,	71	10	10	4	5	9
John Jones, Quarter Master, Serjeant Hazen's reg't,	100	0	0	6	0	0
Thomas Church, Esquire, Major, late of 4th do.	370	11	2	22	4	8

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Mr. Benjamin Stelle appearing in Council, took the oaths prescribed by the law, intitled "An Act for the settlement of the publick accounts of the United States of America," to qualify him as Commissioner for settling the accounts between this State and the United States.

A memorial from David Jackson, late Quarter Master General of the militia, was read.

Ordered, That the corporal punishment of Richard Skinner and John Caldwell, convicted of larceney at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at Philadelphia the second day of June, 1783, be remitted.

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds to be paid for the use of the State by George Hartman, convicted of bastardy and fornication, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions held at Chester, on the twenty-seventh day of May, 1783, be remitted.

A letter from the Street Commissioners was read.

Ordered, That they be requested to attend at the Council Chamber at twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Ordered, Upon the resignation of Samuel M'Casland, that Mr. Arthur M'Gaughy be appointed Collector of Excise for the county

of Bedford, and that before he enter upon the exercise of that office, the Prothonotary of the county be directed to administer the oaths of qualification, and take the usual security.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to inform Messieurs Lacaze and Mallet, that Council do not think themselves authorized by law to grant the prayer of their memorial.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Bernard Dougherty and Michael Huffnagle, Esquires, for rations furnished by contract to the Ranging companies and militia in the counties of Bedford and Westmoreland, were read and approved; and an order drawn in favour of each for their respective ballances, vizt:— To Mr. Dougherty for the sum of one thousand six hundred and sixty-one pounds four shillings; and to Mr Huffnagle for the sum of one hundred and eighty-three pounds one shilling and eleven pence specie, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

Note—That the Secretary be directed to inform the Treasurer that Mr. Dougherty has agreed to take an order upon Bedford county, for the sum of four hundred pounds, and that Council expect Mr. Huffnagle will take an order upon that of Westmoreland, for some part of the ballance due to him.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Ludowick Dorman, private of the tenth regiment,	54	0	0	3	4	9
James Hughes, private, late of Hazen's regiment,	71	6	1	4	5	6
John Montgomery, private in the tenth regiment,	67	3	1	4	0	6

	Principal.			Interest.		
Christian Nevill, Matross Artillery Artificers,	41	6	9	2	9	6
Silvanus Brown, late Drummer of the fourth regim't,	9	9	4	0	11	3
Edward Thomas, late a Dragoon of Cavalry,	50	17	1¾	3	1	0
John Burnie, late Serjeant second regiment,	50	5	0	3	0	3
John McDonald, late a Captain Flying Camp,	516	17	2	31	0	2

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer:

To the Hon'ble James Irvine, Esquire, for the ballance due to him upon his account of pay and rations, as reported by the Comptroller General, on the twelfth day of December, 1782, the sum of seven hundred and thirty-two pounds six shillings and eight pence specie, to be paid out of the fund arising from the militia fines.

In favour of Doctor David Jackson, for fifty-three pounds one shilling and three pence, being the balance of his account as late Quartermaster General of the militia of this State, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of the twenty-third of May, 1783; to be paid out of the monies arising from the militia fines

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Mary Foulke and Deborah Morris, of the city of Philadelphia, for a tract of land situate in Southampton township, in the county of Bucks, containing two hundred and forty-two acres: Seized and sold agreeably to law, for the sum of ten thousand five hundred and ten pounds, as the estate late of Samuel Byles, an attainted traytor. Deed dated the thirteenth day of June, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, Sebastian Levan, John Buyers, } Esquires.

A letter from the President of Congress, inclosing the proposals of the States of New York and Maryland, upon the subject of fixing the residue of Congress, was read.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of James B. Smith, for writing done by order of Council, was read and approved, and an order accordingly drawn upon the Treasurer for the sum of seventeen pounds six shillings and six pence.

A letter from his Excellency the Minister, inclosing a memorial from Lacaze and Mallet, French merchants residing in this city, was read.

A petition from Captain Peter Smith, in behalf of the militia of Greenwich and Maxatawny townships, in the county of Berks, praying that they may be paid for a tour of duty performed in 1781, was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Comptroller General.

A draught of instructions to Thomas Smith, Esquire, Loan Officer, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, Sebastian Levan, John Buyers, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report in favor of Dennis Morarity, a soldier in the first Pennsylvania regiment, was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Comptroller be directed to pay the sum of nine pounds State money to the said Morarity, in discharge of the additional bounty allowed by the State in 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for fifty pounds specie, in part of his salary as

Judge in the Court of Admiralty and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Andrew Kichline, Esquire, Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, was read & approved.

A memorial from Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, in behalf of himself and others, Justices of the county of Bucks, praying that some means may be adopted more effectually to apprehend and secure an armed banditti which infests the said county, was read.

The Comptroller General's reports in favor of the following officers & soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Lieutenant William McMurray, of the 10th regiment,	£364 4 0	21 16 11
Jacob Justice, private in the seventh do.,	59 5 4	3 11 0
Martin Reynolds, do. first do.,	59 3 1	3 10 11
Joseph Galbraith, Corporal in the seventh do.,	41 19 10	2 13 10
John Somerville, do. do.,	60 9 11	3 12 7
Robert Cunningham, private in the third do.,	60 17 7	3 13 0
Joseph Jackson, private in the fifth do.,	58 17 2	3 10 7
John Simmers do., do.,	61 10 4	3 13 9
Daniel Smith, do., do.,	42 1 2	2 10 4
Andrew Porter, Esq'r, administrator of Samuel Story, late lieutenant & Adjutant of Artillery, dec'd,	119 17 0	7 3 9
Peter McKinley, private in the seventh regiment,	50 6 8	3 0 4

	Principal.	Interest.
William Kelly, do., do.,	59 5 4	3 11 0
Jacob Boswalt, Drummer in the sixth do.,	61 2 11	3 13 3
Hugh Moreland, private in the seventh do.,	25 16 1	1 10 11
Michael Leamon, private in the second do.,	38 14 11	2 6 4
George Patrick, private in the seventh do.,	58 1 4	3 9 7
The Reverend Mr. Robert Keith, late Chaplain Flying Camp,	134 8 0	8 1 2
John McKinley, private in the seventh regiment,	55 6 8	3 6 4
John Malony, Senior, Matross of Artillery do.,	72 16 8	4 7 3
Edward Blake, Corporal in the eleventh regiment,	61 13 11	3 13 11
Patrick Butler, do. seventh do.,	45 19 3	2 15 1
William Reed, do. fourth do.,	32 14 3	1 19 1
Christopher Hight, private in the seventh do.,	56 5 0	3 7 5
William Thomas, do. fifth do.,	59 10 10	3 11 5
Adam Hill, do. do. do.,	58 1 2	3 9 7

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 18th, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, John Buyers, } Esquires.

Upon a conference with the Street Commissioners, in which it was agreed that they should appropriate some part of the monies in their hands to the purpose of paving the west side of Fifth street, between Walnut and Chesnut streets,

Resolved, That tho' Council cannot determine when it may be in their power to replace the money so advanced, they will make it an object to discharge this obligation as soon as possible.

A letter from the Commander-in-Chief, inclosing a collection of papers relative to half pay and commutation of half pay granted by Congress to the officers of the army, was read.

Letters from William Henry, Esquire, and Colonel Richard Butler, containing information of the march, temper, and intentions, of part of the troops stationed at Lancaster, were read, and transmitted to the Delegates of this State in Congress.*

Ordered, That the fine of three pounds to be paid for the use of the State by Elizabeth Boyd, on conviction of misdemeanor, be remitted.

Ordered, That the fines adjudged to the use of the State by Adam Ruff, alias George Kellar, upon the conviction of two different felonies, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, Clerk of the Quarter Sessions in Westmoreland county, for fines and licences; of Joseph Kooken and John Masser, for substitutes hired in Northampton county; of Daniel Grubb, for boat hire; and of Daniel Levan, Esquire, Collector of Excise and Prothonotary of the county of Berks; were read and approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of paying the workmen employed by him in repairing the State arms, for which he is to account.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Antes, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases in Northum-

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*A conference between Col'o Hamilton, Mr. Elsworth, and Mr. Peters, (a Committee of Congress,) and Council, was now held upon the subject of the preceding advices from Lancaster. In this conference the idea of reducing the party by force, or of preventing them from crossing the Schuylkill (the next desirable object) was suggested, and the probability that their confidence would increase with their numbers, and that under the influence of their uncorrected example, the remaining part of Butler's, and all Armand's corps, would take the same steps. Maturely considered, the result of which was, that the Committee and Council concurred in opinion that from the good order observed in their march, the tranquil temper of the troops already here, and the measures pursued by government to make them all easy and contented, the language of invitation, and good humour became more advisable than any immediate exertion of authority.

berland county: one for five hundred and thirty-nine pounds ten shillings and six pence half penny, State money, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly dated the eighth day of April, 1782; and the other for the sum of thirty-three pounds six shillings and nine pence half penny specie, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the payment of the Commissioners of Purchase in this State, being the ballances of his accounts.

A pass was granted to David Eaton, to go to Canada in search of his two children, captivated by the Savages, with permission to return.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, vizt:

To David Kenedy, Esquire, for city lot No. 1730: Consid'n - - - - - - - - -	£215	0 0
To Mr. Nicholas Rash, for do., 1716,	do.	165 0 0

Which lots were sold for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the 29th of April, 1780. Deeds dated this day.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated to the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Captain John Steel, of the tenth regiment,	275	16	6	16	11	0
Peter Ripley, Matross of Artillery, do.,	73	14	9½	4	8	5
Philip Henry, private of the first do.,	59	3	1	3	11	0
Isaac McIlhose, do., 10th do.,	59	3	1	3	11	0
Captain Alexander Parker, 7th do.,	338	18	7	20	6	7
Alexander Reed, do., do.,	59	5	4	3	11	1
Thomas Moore, Corporal of do.,	36	0	10	2	3	2
William Butler, private of the 2nd do.,	59	1	7	3	10	10
William Bowman do. do.,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Frederick Weaver, private of the 6th do.,	6	10	10	0	7	9
Richard Jamison, do., 10th do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
James Kirk, do., 6th do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Richard Leynard, do., 5th do.,	61	10	4	3	13	10
Robert Gregg, Serjeant, 4th do.,	82	8	4	4	18	9
John Treble, private of 7th do.,	54	16	9	3	5	8
John Bell Tilden, Lieutenant 2nd do.,	46	19	1	2	16	3

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, George Wall, Junr, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Ordered, That the fine of eight pounds eleven shillings and six pence to be paid to the use of the State by Sarah Parker, upon conviction of larceny at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at Philadelphia on the second day of December, 1782, be remitted.

The petition of Baltzer Knertzer, praying a remission of the fine imposed upon him on conviction of having aided and abetted the interests of his Brittannic Majesty during the late war, was read and rejected.

The case of Mary Grover, the younger, and Timothy Grover, convicted of arson at the late Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Lancaster, stated by the Judges, with their opinion upon it, was read.

Resolved, unanimously, That the demand of the following anonymous paper presented to the Secretary of this Board by a body of armed soldiers, and stiled the petition of the non-commissioned officers, &ca., now in the Barracks, be rejected:

"May it please your Excellency,

"We, the non-commissioned officers and soldiers now in this city, demand of you and the Honorable Council, authority to appoint commissioned officers to command us, and redress our grievances, which officers to have full power to adopt such measures as they may judge most likely to procure us justice. You will immediately issue such authority and deliver it to us, or otherwise we shall instantly let in those injured soldiers upon you, and abide the consequences. You have only twenty minutes to deliberate on this important matter. The officers in general have forsaken us, and refuse to take any further command. This I presume you all know

"We are, in behalf of ourselves and the men,

Yours, &ca., &ca."

Upon a message from the soldiery, delivered by Major General Sinclair, (who, under the directions of Congress, was employed in adopting such measures as he might think best calculated to draw them off to their barracks,) it was

Resolved, That Council consent to receive a state of their claims, if decently expressed and constitutionally presented.

The Council met at the President's House.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, June 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Elsworth appearing in Council, proceeded to state the following resolutions of Congress, with the explanation annexed:

"By the United States, in Congress assembled, June 21st, 1783.

"*Resolved*, That the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania be informed, that the authority of the United States having been this day grossly insulted by the disorderly and menacing appearance of a body of armed soldiers about the place within which Congress were assembled, and the peace of this city being endangered by the mutinous disposition of the said troops, now in the barracks, it is, in the opinion of Congress, necessary that effectual measures be taken for supporting the publick authority.

"*Resolved*, That the committee on a letter from Colonel Butler be directed to confer, without loss of time, with the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, on the practicability of carrying the preceeding resolution into effect."

Explanation of the above, by the committee:

By effectual measures, Congress mean that the militia of the State be called forth in sufficient force to reduce the soldiers to obedience. That from motives of prudence, it will be highly proper that this step should be taken with the most profound secrecy, and that Council, before they determine upon it, shall take some measures to ascertain the temper of the city, and what degree of assurance is to be placed in its exertions; that if, upon making all the inquiry which may be consistent with the secrecy with which this business is to be conducted, Council should not think it practicable to draw forth an adequate force immediately, it would be most adviseable, and intirely the sense of Congress, that none should be called for.

In a conference which followed these communications, Council observed, that in this business much precaution was necessary, and that next to the dispositions of the city, it became necessary for Council to acquaint themselves with the degree of preparation in which it stood. That as the State Magazine had been seized by the soldiery, no fixed ammunition was to be procured.

Colonel Hamilton, in reply to this objection, assured Council that any quantity of musquet and cannon catridge might be commanded in fifteen minutes; that his inquiries had been pointed to this subject, and his information derived from one whose business it was to know. The conference closed, with the assurances of Council that no effort in their power to fulfill the desires of Congress should be wanting.

Resolved, In consequence, that the sense of the city upon this subject be collected with all possible secrecy and dispatch; that the members of Council individually exert themselves in this business, and that the field officers of the militia be immediately consulted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan. } Esquires.

Ordered, That a pass be granted to Mr. Ralph Macnair, to go into the city of New York.

Ordered, That a conference be requested with the Judges of the Supreme Court at twelve o'clock to-morrow, in the Council chamber.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
David Stout, a Dragoon of the Cavalry,	£51	2	1¾	3	1	3
Jacob Young, private in the sixth regim't,	59	3	1	3	10	11
John McIlroy, private in the second do,	43	6	5	2	11	11
John Ryan, private in the seventh do.,	58	3	7	3	9	9
William Martin, Captain in the Artillery,	7	6	7	0	8	8
Captain John McClelland, of the first reg't,	225	8	3	13	10	5
Captain Lieut. Wm. McCurdy, of eleventh do.,	219	17	6	13	3	11

	Principal.	Interest.
John Smith, private of the fifth do.,	61 10 4	3 13 9
James Alexander, private of the do.,	37 1 10	2 4 5
John Bryan, Gunner of the Artillery,	105 1 7	6 6 1
George Marshall, late a Matross Art'y Artif'rs,	62 17 1	3 15 4

The following letter and resolutions of Congress, transmitted to this Board by Colonel Hamilton, were read, vizt:

Philadelphia, June 23rd, 1783.

SIR:—We have the honor to inclose for your Excellency and the Council, a copy of the resolutions communicated in our conference yesterday. Having then fully entered into all the explanations which were necessary on the subject, we shall not trouble your Excellency with a recapitulation. But as the object is of a delicate and important nature, we think it our duty to request the determination of the Council in writing. We have the honor to be, with perfect respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

"By the United States in Congress assembled, June 21st, 1783:

"*Resolved*, That the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, be informed that the authority of the United States having been this day grossly insulted by the disorderly and menacing appearance of a body of armed soldiers about the place within which Congress were assembled, and the peace of the city being endangered by the mutinous disposition of the said troops, now in the barracks, it is, in the opinion of Congress, necessary that effectual measures be immediately taken for supporting the publick authority.

"*Resolved*, That the committee on a letter from Colonel Butler, be directed to confer without loss of time with the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, on the practicability of carrying the preceeding resolution into effect; and that in case it shall appear to the committee that there is not a satisfactory ground for the expecting adequate and prompt exertions of this State for supporting the dignity of the Federal Government, the President, on the advice of the committee, be authorised and directed to summon the members of Congress to meet on Thursday next, at Trenton or Princetown, in New Jersey, in order that further and more effectual measures may be taken for suppressing the present revolt, and maintaining the dignity and authority of the United States.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary at War be directed to communicate to the Commander-in-Chief the State and disposition of the said troops, in order that he may take immediate measures to dispatch to this city such force as he may judge expedient for suppressing any disturbances that may ensue."

The committee attending, were now introduced to Council, and informed that all possible industry had been used by Council to acquaint themselves with the temper and opinions of the city; that all the commanding officers of corps, excepting one, had been consulted upon the occasion, and that the result of these inquiries was, that the citizens rested very securely in the pacific disposition of the soldiery; believed that they would be satisfied with what was just and reasonable; and that the present negotiation would have a happy issue. It was the opinion of Council, therefore, that under impressions like these, and a sense of their unprepared state, no call would be effectual for the purposes intended by Congress.

As to the request of the committee that this determination should be given in writing, it was

Resolved, That as it is made, not by Congress assembled, but by their committee, as it seems to be at variance with the meaning and spirit of conference in general, and as in this particular instance the usual necessity for the intervention of writing is done away by the perspicuity and candour with which the whole conference has been conducted, the request of the committee cannot be granted.

The Council met same day, at the President's House.

PHILADELPHIA, June 23rd, 1783, Monday, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, John Buyers, } Esquires.

Resolved. That the field officers of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and Lieutenants of the city and county of Philadelphia, be convened to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, in the Council Chamber.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The Field Officers of the militia being again convened, the message received from the soldiery on Saturday, the resolution of Congress of the same day, the explanation of it by their committee, and the consequent orders of Council, were laid before them. This was followed by a request from Council that the gentlemen present would offer their sentiments upon the practicability of assembling the militia in such force and manner as to accomplish the purposes of the resolution before them, and how far it might be possible to draw forth a guard of five hundred men immediately, for the defence of Government, &c.

After some consideration, Council received the following answer from Colonel Shee, as senior officer present.

"It is our opinion, that it would be imprudent to call upon the militia now, as we are convinced that it would be ineffectual. If the negotiation for settling the disturbances does not succeed, and the soldiery should insist on unjust and unreasonable things, or should commit any outrage, we are willing to make all the exertions in our power for preserving the peace, and supporting the publick authority, and shall use our utmost influence for disposing the minds of all under our command, as well as of our other fellow citizens, to join in such measures."

The conference closed with a request on the part of the Council, that the gentlemen should hold their respective commands in as much immediate readiness for action as possible.

A letter from Captain Christie was read, advising that agreeably to the minute of Council of the twenty-first instant, the soldiers had proceeded to choose a Committee of officers to represent their claims; that he was in the appointment, but that the committee in general had refused to act under the instructions of the Serjeants, as they were conceived in terms of authority and menace. The exceptionable parts having been withdrawn, and some personal concessions to the committee made, they were now at liberty to appear as their representatives, and would have the honor of presenting their concessions to Council on to-morrow.

The Council met the same day, at the President's House.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 24th, 1783, P. M.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Information having been received that the soldiery meditate an immediate attack upon the Bank,

Ordered, That the militia officers be directed to call for as many of their respective commands as possible, and repairing thither, take such posts as may be best calculated for its defence.

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores, repair immediately to the old work house and deliver to the militia such publick arms and ammunition as he may be possessed of.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, George Wall, Jun'r, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
John B. Webster, Lieut. and Quarter Master Art'y,	307	5	7	18	8	7
Joseph Finley, Captain in the eighth regiment,	535	2	9	32	2	10
Lieut. Robert Peoples, in the fourth do.,	280	10	4	16	16	7
Captain James Duncan, of Hazen's do.,	404	14	4	24	5	6

	Principal.			Interest.		
Joseph Wren, private in the seventh do.,	58	2	4	3	9	8
Jacob Craymer, private in the fourth do.,	80	16	1	4	16	11
John Culbertson, Esq'r, Adm'r of the estate of Sam. Culbertson, late Captain in Fly'g Camp,	496	17	3	29	16	2
Peter McBride, private of first reg't,	40	14	5	2	8	9
Barnabas Hassan, private of 3rd do.,	60	3	1	3	12	2
Lieutenant John Armstrong of do.,	205	2	0	12	6	0
Evan Holt, Drummer of 2nd do.,	41	19	11	2	10	4

Captains Christie and Symonds, two of the committee appointed by the soldiery, appearing in Council, presented three papers signed James Bennett, which being read; Council,

Resolve unanimously, That they will not even take the proposals now made by the soldiers, into consideration, unless they first put themselves under the command of their officers, and make a full and satisfactory submission to Congress.

These gentlemen now proceeded to state the temper of the soldiery, and what might probably happen upon the return of the Serjeant who waited for the answer of Council; upon which it was,

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city militia, &ca., be directed to call forth a guard of five hundred privates, with such number of officers as he may think proper, as a measure indispensibly and immediately necessary to secure Government from insult, the State from disturbance, and the city from injury. Carpenter's Hall is assigned for the place of meeting.

Resolved, That the different officers commanding regiments, be requested to hold their respective commands in immediate readiness for action. It is expected also, that they will meet this day as soon as possible, for the purposes of determining the places of, and signals for rendezvous. A report of their proceedings to be made to the President.

Resolved, That the Commissary of Military Stores be directed to issue such publick arms and ammunition as he may now have under his direction, to the militia of the city and liberties, upon application of the different officers commanding regiments.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, June 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, } Esquires.
John Buyers, }

The Comptroller's report upon the recruiting account of John Armstrong, Esquire, Lieutenant in the third Pennsylvania regiment, was read, approved, and an order drawn upon the Treasurer in favor of Lieutenant Armstrong, for the sum of three pounds twelve shillings, being the ballance due by the State, to be paid out of the class tax, agreeably to law.

Ordered, That William Will, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to take all possible means to apprehend and secure the persons of Henry Carberry, late a Captain in the Pennsylvania line, and James Sullivan, Lieutenant of Dragoons, suspected of exciting the late disturbances in this city.

Colonel Adam Hubley's return of militia officers elected for the county of Lancaster, was read, and commissions ordered to issue upon it.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, June 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, } Esquires.
John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, }

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Abraham Labar, and John Arndt, Esquires, of Northampton county; of Lieu't William McDowel, of the first Pennsylvania regiment; of John Hubley, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster; and Nathaniel Galt, Esquire, of the armed boat Argus, in the service of this State, were read and approved.

The memorial of Robert Patton, Esquire, a deranged officer, inclosing certificates of appointment, &ca., &ca., was read; in consequence whereof, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Patton's commission as a Captain in the line of this State, shall bear date on the first day of April, 1778.

Upon the petition of George Pratt, Michael Stanton, & John Murphy, convicted of assault and battery in the county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the several fines due to the State from the said George Pratt, Michael Stanton, and John Murphy, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, June 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.
John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, }

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant Colonel John Murray, for one hundred and nine pounds eleven shillings and eight pence specie, being the ballance of his recruiting account, as reported by the Comptroller General this day, to be paid out of the monies arising from the class tax.

Ordered, That the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Bryan, be requested to take the examination of such soldiers as Colonel Humpton shall bring before them, for discovering the persons and designs of such as were concerned in exciting the late disturbances among the soldiery in this city.

A letter from Colonel Samuel Hodgdon, Commissary of Military Stores of the United States, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Captain Joseph Stiles, Commissary of Military Stores of this State, be directed to deliver the two pieces of ordnance, six pounders, which became the property of the State upon the reduction of York town, in Virginia, to Samuel Hodgdon, Esquire, upon his receipt and engagement to replace them as soon as possible.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeably to act of General Assembly of the thirteenth of April, 1782, for which he is to account.

The reports of the Comptroller General, in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the

excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Patrick McGlaughlin, private, of Hazen's regiment,	£91	16	7	5	10	1
James Holmes, late drummer in the 11th do.,	64	16	5	3	17	8
John Murray, Esq'r, Lieutenant Col'o 2nd do.,	300	0	0	18	0	0
Lieutenant Levi Griffiths, of the fifth do.,	200	8	0	12	0	5
Robert Wilson, private in Gen'l Hazen's do.,	61	16	7	3	14	1
Matthias Little, private in the third regiment,	88	13	1	5	6	4
John Yost, private in the fifth do.,	60	11	2	3	12	7
Francis Willet, do. do.,	60	11	2	3	12	7
Henry Wise, do. second do.,	57	2	6	3	8	5
Bernard Dougherty, do. fifth do.,	56	18	1	3	8	2
Wickart Levering, do. do.,	60	0	3	3	12	0
Thomas Clayton, do. seventh do.,	34	2	10	2	0	11
Thomas Hardy, do. third do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Lieutenant William Moore, of the second do.,	122	11	3	7	7	0
Allen Rodgers, private in the eleventh do.,	85	0	1	5	2	0
Hugh Barnet, Corporal, General Hazen's do.,	65	11	6	3	19	10
John Newman, late Quarter Master Serg't 6th do.,	85	5	6	5	2	5
Captain Sam'l Fisher, late of the militia,	369	15	9	22	3	7

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, John McDowell, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full of his account for wages as Door-keeper till this day, inclusively, and cash paid for two pounds of twine.

A letter from Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, of the county of Bucks, inclosing sundry depositions relating to the robberies lately committed in the said county, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued in the following words, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By depositions taken according to law, it appears, that within the last month several collectors in the county of Bucks, within this State, have been robbed by Moses Doan, Abraham Doan, Amos Dillon, and other persons unknown, of sums of money collected for the publick use:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the good people of this State that the perpetrators of such atrocious crimes should be brought to condign punishment; We have thought fit to offer, and do hereby offer, a publick reward of one hundred pounds, in specie, for each and every of the perpetrators of the said robberies, or any of them, to be paid on conviction for the same, to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure them, or any of them: And over and beside the said reward, we do hereby promise free and full pardon to any one of the said robbers, their aiders, abettors, or comforters, who shall discover, apprehend, and secure, any other or others of the said robbers, so that he or they shall be convicted as aforesaid: And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables, are hereby strictly enjoined and required, to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the said robbors, their aiders, abettors, or com., and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest:—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That a letter be written to the Secretary of War, observing that in the commission to Colonel Porter, the word "Commandant" is omitted, and desiring that it may be added, as he was intitled to the rank of "Lieutenant Colonel Commandant," at the time of issuing the said commission.

Ordered, That John Gardner, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Chester, be directed to take all possible means to apprehend and

secure the persons of Henry Carberry, late a Captain in the Pennsylvania line, and James Sullivan, Lieutenant of Dragoons, suspected of exciting the late disturbances among the soldiery in this city; and that Philip Kreamer, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of Berks, be directed in like manner to apprehend and secure the person of a certain —— Nagle, a Serjeant in the third Pennsylvania regiment, charged with the like offence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John M'Dowell, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, } Esquires.

Ordered, That the Lieutenant of the city be requested to inform the complainants against the late militia appointment of Captain Adam Esler and others, that to-morrow is assigned by Council to hear their objections. The judges of the election, and such others as Mr. Henry may think necessary, are also to attend. Eleven o'clock is the hour appointed by Council.

Upon the resignation of Robert Levers, Esquire,

Resolved, That Colonel Thomas Craig be appointed Lieutenant of the county of Northampton.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to call upon the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, for a state of all monies decreed by the said court out of confiscated estates.

A letter from the Reverend James Finley, stating his proceedings under the directions of Council, in the western counties of this State, was read, and the Secretary directed to express the approbation of the Board.

A letter from Brigadier General Irvine was read.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to advise the Surveyor General of the intelligence contained in General Irvine's letter, and that it is the order of Council that all abuses of trust in laying out the land beyond the Ohio, or any encroachments upon the tract set apart for the accommodation of the Pennsylvania line, be guarded against with the utmost assiduity.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of John Irvine was read, approved, and an order drawn for the sum of nineteen pounds ten shillings State money, upon the Treasurer.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for three city lots, marked in the general plan of lots X, Y,

Z, sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, to Thomas Irwin. Consideration three hundred and forty-five pounds. Deed dated the thirteenth day of June, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, George Wall, Jr., Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

A memorial from the Consul of France was read.

Ordered, In consequence, that a conference be requested with the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the State, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, and Prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, on Saturday next, at twelve o'clock, in the Council Chamber.

The affidavits of James Bennet and others, Serjeants in the Pennsylvania line, concerning the late mutiny, were read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, Sebastian Levan, John McDowell, John Buyers, } Esquires.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Robert Lollar, Esquire, Paymaster to the Philadelphia county militia, was read & approved, and an order drawn for the sum of two hundred and seventeen pounds nine shillings and eleven pence specie, to be paid out of the money arising from the militia fines.

A letter from Mr. Boudinot, inclosing a resolution of Congress of the first instant, was read and replied to by the President.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 4th, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, John McDowell, } Esquires.

A letter from the Superintendant of Finance, inclosing a resolve of Congress of the seventeenth day of June, 1783, was read.

The report of the committee of Congress appointed to confer with Council upon the subject of the late disturbances in this city, was transmitted by the Delegates of the State, and read.

The Council resumed the consideration of the complaint against the late militia appointment of Captain Adam Esler, Lieutenant Abraham Hargis, and Ensign Anthony Fanan, of Colonel Dean's battalion; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the return made by Colonel Henry be accepted, and commissions issue accordingly.

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by John Buller, upon conviction of misdemeanor in the county of Chester, be remitted.

The Honorable the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Bryan, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, and Attorney General of the State, attending in Council, agreeably to the order of Wednesday last, a conference was held on the representation from Monsieur Marbois, respecting his Consular powers.

Upon the application of Major General Howe, it was

Ordered, That the Quarter Master General of the State be directed to furnish him with such articles for the accommodation of the troops under his command as cannot be procured from the Continental store, and that regular receipts be taken.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of monies arising from the ex-

cise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Jacob Weitzell, Lieutenant 11th Penn'a reg't,	£210	16	11	12	12	11
Captain William Mackay, 9th do.,	358	1	8	21	1	3
Captain John McGowan, of Invalid do.,	367	15	5	22	1	2
Samuel Hockagoy, Musician 1st reg't Art'y,	74	2	4	4	8	10
John Blackwood, private in the 5th do.,	61	10	3	3	13	10
William Maulby, private in the 5th do.,	37	1	10	2	4	4
Captain Robert Patton, late in the 11th do.,	68	1	9	4	1	7
Lewis Nichola, Esquire, Colonel Invalid do.,	614	7	0	36	17	2
Doctor Matthew Maus, Surgeon of do.,	539	1	9	32	6	9
Anthony Hollman, late private 9th do.,	52	8	8	3	2	9

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, July 7th, 1783, Monday.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John McDowell, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Ordered, That two-thirds of the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by John Jones, on conviction of three several misdemeanors, at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Berks, be remitted.

His Excellency the President and Mr. Irvine were named to the Board of Property, which sits this morning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, and John McDowell, Sebastian Levan, John Buyers, } Esquires.

The Comptroller's report on the account of Jacob Rife, for a horse furnished for the use of the United States, was read and approved, and an order drawn in consequence, for the sum of forty-four pounds State money of the seventh of April, 1781, agreeably to a resolve of the General Assembly of the eighth day of April, 1782.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Greenwalt, Esquire, for seventy pounds four shillings and six pence, in full for his services as Town Major at Lebanon, in Lancaster county, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of this day, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines in said county.

The following deeds were examined and signed by His Excellency the President, for sundry city lots, sold agreeable to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State, dated the twenty-ninth day of April, 1780, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office. Deed dated the eighth day of July, 1783, vizt:

To Matthew Irwin, for lot No. 1256. Consideration money, - - - - - - - - - -	£ 42 0 0
James & Robert Barr, for lots numbered from 1399 to 1404 inclusive. Cons'n, - - - - - -	256 0 0
Alexander Quarrier & William Hunter, lots from 1725 to 1727 incl. do., - - - - - - - -	665 0 0
Abraham Markoe, Esq'r, do., 1733 to 1744 do., do.,	2,035 0 0

A passport was granted to William Lewis, his sister and servants, to come from the city of New York to the city of Philadelphia, on a visit.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, John McDowell, } Esquires.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
William Preston, late a Lieutenant of Art'y Artif,	284	11	11	17	1	4
William Mullen, late a private in the 6th reg't,	84	9	1	5	1	3
James Dickinson, Corporal in the 4th do.,	60	2	1	3	12	1
Captain Jacob Weaver, of the tenth regiment,	400	0	0	24	0	0
John Allen, private in the seventh do.,	54	0	4	3	4	9
William McCoy, private in do.,	58	9	4	3	10	2
Hannah, the widow of Wm. Gray, Matross of Art'y Artif'rs,	18	17	6	1	2	7

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable George Wall, Junior, Esquire, for the sum of eighty-four pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full for his accounts of attendance at this Board 'till the ninth instant, and mileage.

Upon the Comptroller's report on the account of Peter Deel, for a horse furnished by him for the use of the United States, an order was drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of twenty-nine pounds six shillings and six pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in favour of Peter Smith, who produced an assignment from said Deel

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John McDowell, John Buyers, } Esquires.

A deed was examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to Ebenezer Carson, for a plantation late of Joseph Doan, an attainted traytor, situate in Plumstead township, in the county of Bucks, containing forty-two acres and one hundred and fifteen perches. Consideration money eight hundred and fifty-eight pounds fourteen shillings. Deed dated the twenty-sixth day of June, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, George Wall, Junior, John McDowell, John Buyers, } Esquires.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the money arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Francis King, private in the fifth regiment,	£60 16 7	3 12 11
Adam Rupert, Corporal in the tenth do.,	65 0 4	3 18 0
John Parker, Serjeant in the fifth do.,	85 0 10	5 2 0

	Principal.			Interest.		
Samuel Bryson, Lieutenant late of the 7th do ,	300	0	0	18	0	0
William Smith, private in the fifth do.,	60	16	7	3	12	11
William Brooks, Serjeant, do.,	61	11	9	3	13	10
James Rowland, private, do ,	60	12	4	3	12	8
William Douglass, private in the 10th do ,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Captain Andrew Irvine, of the seventh do.,	326	1	5	19	11	3
Captain Lieu't Stephen Stephenson, 9th do ,	214	1	6	12	16	9
Lieutenant Joseph Collier, of the first do.,	133	10	0	8	0	2
Christian Freck, Serjeant of the fifth do.,	21	16	0	1	6	1
James Siggersoll, private in the tenth do.,	55	6	5	3	6	4
Daniel Smith, private in the fourth do.,	56	3	4	3	7	4
Thomas Harrington, Drummer in the fifth do ,	63	1	8	3	15	7
Lieutenant Henry Greer, late of Art'y Artif'rs	241	3.	2	14	9	4
Peter Reese, late a private in the third do.,	88	13	1	5	6	4
Thomas Leester, late a private in the 2nd do.,	54	14	11	3	5	4
Thomas Pierce, Dragoon in Moylan's do.,	89	10	6	5	7	4
John Smith, Corporal in the tenth do.,	91	11	1	5	9	9
Michael Dietrick, private in the sixth do.,	59	12	5	3	11	5
James Martin, private in the second do.,	85	6	7	5	2	4
John Crayton, private in Hazen's do.,	91	7	7	5	9	7

Ordered, That the stores belonging to the publick in the hands of Colonel Lewis Farmer, be exposed to publick sale as soon as possible, and that the City Auctioneer pay into the treasury the monies arising from thence.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for the purpose of discharging one-third of the depreciation due to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, agreeably to act of General Assembly passed the thirteenth day of April, 1782, for which the said Comptroller General is to account.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable James Irvine, Esquire, one for the sum of fifty pounds, and the other for the sum of twenty-nine pounds twelve shillings and six pence, in full for his attendance as Councillor for the city of Philadelphia 'till the thirteenth instant.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, being one quarter's salary as Comptroller General, commencing the thirteenth of April and ending the twelfth day of July, 1783.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable John Montgomery, Esquire, for one hundred and six pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for attendance in Congress as a delegate from this State 'till the fourteenth instant.

The report of the Comptroller General upon the account of the Secretary of this Board, for fees received in his office from the twenty-fifth day of March 'till the twenty-fifth day of June, 1783, inclusively, and sundry disbursements by him, was read and approved.

The return of Justices for the district, containing the townships of Upper Dublin and Horsham, and the Manor of Mooreland in the county of Philadelphia, was read and considered, by which it appears that William Dean and Robert Lollar were duly elected.

Ordered, That William Dean, Esquire, be appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Philadelphia, and commissioned accordingly.

The Comptroller General's reports on the accounts of John Nixon, Benjamin Fuller and John Maxwell Nesbitt, late Auditors of Accounts of this State, for their pay, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, John McDowell, } Esquires.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 16th, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, Sebastian Levan, John M'Dowell, } Esquires.

The petition of Thomas Norton, late an officer in Colonel Stewart's regiment, or the second Pennsylvania regiment, praying an allowance of depreciation, was read, and referred to the Comptroller General.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Franklin Reed, for sundry carpenter's tools furnished by his father, John Reed, for the use of the State, was read and approved.

A letter from the Superintendant of Finance, inclosing a State of his accounts brought up to the last day of June, 1783, was read.

A petition from John Harvey, convicted of perjury in the county of Bucks, was read and rejected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 18, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, George Wall, Junior, John M'Dowell, } Esquires.

On the application of a number of respectable inhabitants of the district of Southwark, representing that the health of this city and neighborhood is greatly endangered by a number of sickly persons lately arrived in the Brigg Congress, Alexander Davidson now Master, and by the ballast of the said vessel being thrown out upon a wharf.

Ordered, That the Health Officer take effectual measures immediately to remove the said vessel one mile below the southern bounds of the said district, to have the ballast remaining on board there discharged; that which has been already thrown out carried away to a proper distance, and the vessel thorowly cleansed and purified according to law; that, in like manner, he take measures to have the sickly persons aforesaid, distempered with any infectious disease, immediately removed to the Pest houses on the State Island.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John M'Dowell, John Buyers, } Esquires.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 21st, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John M'Dowell, John Buyers, } Esquires.

George Wall, Esquire, consulted at his own house.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of John Weitzle for rations issued to the troops of this State from the first day of March 'till the first day of July, 1783, was read, approved, and an order drawn for the sum of five hundred and four pounds five shillings in specie, upon the Treasurer of the State, in favour of the said John Weitzle.

Note.—That Mr. Weitzle receives this order on condition that he continue to supply the said troops agreeably to his former contract, and the proposals of Council, by their act of March the first, 1783.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 23rd, 1783.

Thursday, July 24th.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, July 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Buyers, John McDowell, } Esquires.

George Wall, Esquire, consulted at his own house.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Franklin Read, for the sum of three pounds five shillings specie, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of the seventeenth instant.

A draft of a proclamation was laid before the Board, and the same being read, was agreed to in the words following, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By an inquest held by the Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia, it appears that James Molineaux, labourer, was, while in the prosecution of his lawful business in the night of the seventeenth of this present month, killed and murdered in Cedar street, near Front street, by some unknown person or persons:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the lives of the good people of this State, and a due execution of the laws, that the perpetrators of a crime so horrid should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment: We have, therefore, thought proper to issue this proclamation, hereby engaging that the publick reward of one hundred pounds in specie shall be paid to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the perpetrator or perpetrators of the said murder; to be paid on conviction for the same. And we do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables, to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the perpetrator or perpetrators of the said murder, their aiders, abettors, and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest.—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That the foregoing proclamation be published.

A deed was examined and signed by the President to Mr. George Cooper, for city lot, number 1743: Sold for the sum of two hundred and ten pounds of the bills of credit of this State dated twenty-ninth day of April, 1780. Deed dated the twenty-fourth day of July, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, John Buyers, and George Wall, } Esquires.

Several depositions, concerning some late robberies in Bucks county, were handed in to Council by Colonel Joseph Hart, Lieutenant of said county, which being read, the Council agreed to issue a proclamation in the following words, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By depositions taken according to law, it appears that in the night of the twenty-first instant, present month, the dwelling houses of William Darroch, Collector of Taxes, Robert Darroch, Collector of Militia Fines, John Shaw, Robert Gibson, Joseph Greer, and Robert Robinson, in the county of Bucks, within this state, have been broken open, and the said William Darroch, Robert Darroch, John Shaw, Robert Gibson, Joseph Greer and Robert Robinson, robbed of sums of money, and many valuable effects, by Moses Doan, Abraham Doan, Levi Doan, Malin Doan, and other persons unknown:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the good people of this State that the perpetrators of such attrocious crimes should be brought to condign punishment, we have thought fit to offer, and do hereby offer, a publick reward one hundred pounds in specie, for each and every of the perpetrators of the said robberies, or any of them, to be paid, on conviction for the same, to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure them, or any of them; and over and above the said reward, we do hereby promise free and full pardon to any one of the said robbers, their aiders, abettors, or comforters, who shall discover, apprehend, and secure, any other, or others, of the said robbers, so that he, or they, shall be convicted as aforesaid: And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables, are hereby strictly enjoined and required to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and secure the said robbers, their aiders, abettors, and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That the foregoing Proclamation be published.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of Colonel Francis Johnston, Receiver General, for monies received in his office from July the first, 1782, 'till May the first, 1783, was read and approved.

The appointment of Nicholas Fitzsimmons to the place of Steward to the Pest Houses, by the Trustees of State Island, was read and approved. The said Steward is required to attend at the Council Chamber on Monday next.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Bayers, George Wall, John McDowell, } Esquires.

The Surveyor General and Secretary, and Receiver General of the Land office, having reported, agreeably to an order of Council of the fourth of April last, upon the title of Jacob Shallus, to a city lot described in his memorial to this Board, Council determine that the title be confirmed to the said Shallus, his heirs and assigns.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the money arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Leonard Miller, private in the 3rd regiment,	59 2 11	3 10 10
Barbara Shinnings, widow and Administratrix of John Shinnings, dec'd, late a private in do.,	58 17 7	3 10 6
Martin Heydler, late private, German, do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10
Martin Buchter, private in the fifth do,	74 13 3	4 9 6
Lieutenant Robert Allison of the 11th do.,	120 7 11	7 4 5
James Dougherty, private of the 5th do.,	60 16 7	3 13 0
Samuel Carsan, private of do.,	61 10 3	3 13 9
Lawrence Gorman, private in the 10th do.,	57 15 1	3 9 2

	Principal.			Interest.		
James Davidson, private in the seventh do.,	59	5	4	3	11	0
Conrad Smith, private in the sixth do.,	55	4	1	3	6	2
James Hall, late private in the fifth do.,	87	6	1	5	4	8
Peter Lesk, do. 10th do.,	58	14	1	3	10	4
Edward O'Neal, do. 1st do.,	57	13	1	3	9	1
Captain Francis Proctor, Jun'r, of Artillery do.,	417	7	3½	25	0	9
James Ashton, Serjeant of the 9th regiment,	79	5	10	4	15	0
James Smith, private in the fifth do.,	61	10	6	3	13	9
Martin O'Brien, do. first do.,	81	16	5	4	18	1
Jacob Shiveley, private in the second do.,	51	11	0	3	1	9
Jonathan Adams, a Dragoon in the Cavalry,	51	2	1¾	3	1	3
Captain Jacob Stake of the tenth regiment,	270	5	5	16	4	3
Samuel Nighlinger of the eleventh do.,	59	3	3	3	10	11
Thomas Bull, late Lieutenant Colo. Flying Camp,	124	0	0	7	8	9
William Vicker, late Drummer Artillery,	29	12	5	1	15	5
Peter Messersmith, private in the second regim't,	73	14	11	4	8	5
Casper Shane, Corporal 1st regiment Artillery,	79	3	3	4	14	11
Jacob Bower, Captain in the sixth regiment,	339	6	10	20	7	1
Lieutenant Michael Everley of the 10th do.,	85	6	4	5	2	4
Jacob Tegar, Matross of Artillery,	64	16	7	3	17	9

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, July 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, John Buyers, John McDowell, James Potter, } Esquires.

A passport was granted to Isaac Melcher, Esquire, and his sister Mrs. Mary Hasenclever, to go into the city of New York and to return again.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, July 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, John Buyers, James Potter, } Esquires.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 31st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John M'Dowell, John Buyers, James Potter, } Esquires.

As by a report of this day from the Surveyor General, it appears that the lots confirmed by warrant of Council to Jacob Shallus, on a former representation from the said Surveyor General, the Secretary of the Land office, and Receiver General, that the said lot so confirmed has been surveyed for William Sallaway,

Resolved, That the Surveyor General be directed to inform Council under what right the said survey was made.

William Kelly and William Smith, of the county of Lancaster, were commissioned Justices of the Peace for the said county, upon a return made according to law.

A similar commission was issued to John Bartholomew, Esquire, elected agreeably to law, for the county of Chester.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, in full of his account for his wages as Doorkeeper to this Board, and cash paid for sundry articles for the use of Council for the month of July.

Upon an election by ballot, it appears that John Helm was unanimously appointed to the office for regulating and sealing or marking measures, formerly held by Nathaniel Allen.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.
John Buyers, James Potter, }

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, for fifteen pounds specie, for his services as Judge in the High Court of Errors and Appeals, till the twenty-first day of July, 1783, agreeably to the Comptroller's report of the thirty-first of July, 1783.

Upon the petition of Joseph O'Neal, convicted of larceny in the city and county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the corporal punishment to which he was sentenced at the last City Court, be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, James Potter, } Esquires.
John Buyers, George Wall, Junior, }

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

		Principal.	Interest.
Henry Mooney, private in the tenth regiment,		£58 11 1	3 10 2
Edward Kelly, private in the first do.,		28 18 10	1 14 7
James Steel, Matross of Artillery Artificers,		71 15 7	4 6 0
Andrew M'Kinney,	do.,	23 17 5	1 8 7
John Kinkead,	do.,	20 0 11	1 4 0
John Thomas,	do.,	38 2 7	2 5 9
Jacob Stoner,	do.,	24 11 3	1 9 4
John Baker,	do.,	24 4 6	1 9 0

		Principal.			Interest.		
Jacob Peters,	do.,	32	8	6	1	18	9
Michael Joyce,	do.,	76	0	11	4	11	2
Joseph Murphy, late a private in the 11th regiment,		54	16	8	3	5	8
Peter Felix, private in the first regiment,		59	3	1	3	10	11
Peter Ferkle, private in the tenth regiment,		88	13	1	5	6	4
The Father and Executor of Lieutenant John Irwin, late of the Flying Camp, deceased,		322	13	7	19	7	1
Captain Thomas Boyde of the fifth regiment,		115	4	0	6	18	2
Richard Fullerton, Lieutenant and Adjutant 3rd do.,		197	18	2	11	17	5
Lieutenant William Stewart, of Hazen's regiment,		338	11	0	20	6	2
William Jefferies, late a private of the second do.,		59	1	7	3	10	10
John Walker, Matross of Artillery Artificers,		53	2	7	3	3	8
William Parker, Sergeant of do.,		55	9	4	3	6	7
Daniel Shehey, Corporal in the eleventh regiment,		63	0	10	3	15	7
Doctor John B. Rogers, Surgeon 1st do.,		302	3	0	18	2	6
Christian Miller, Matross 1st Artillery do.,		99	12	4	5	19	5
William Williams, private of the sixth do.,		41	14	9	2	10	0

The Comptroller-General's report upon the accounts of Captain John Greer, for waggon and horse hire, pasture and flour, and of John Weitzle for one steer furnished for the use of the publick, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, James Potter, John Buyers, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.

A letter from the President of Congress, inclosing a resolve of the twenty-eighth of July, was read.

Ordered, That all the papers respecting the title of Jacob Shallus to a lot of ground within the limits of this City, be again referred to the Surveyor General, Receiver General, and Secretary of the Land Office, with directions to report whether some other lot than that at first applied for by Jacob Shallus, and since discovered to have been surveyed to William Sallaway, in right of an original purchase, may, agreeably to the usual mode of proceedings, be assigned to the said Shallus, and whether the whole of the lot situated at the corner of Schuylkill Front street and Locust street, mentioned in the Surveyor General's certificate of the thirty-first of the last month, may be so assigned.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Stewart, for the sum of two hundred and seventy pounds five shillings State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the principal and interest due for a mare furnished by the said Stewart for the use of the public.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Henry Bentley, private in the third regiment,	£58 15 4	3 10 5
Thomas McCord, private in the fifth do.,	44 2 10	2 12 11
Michael McCortley, do. do.,	61 10 4	3 13 9
George Bimer, do. do.,	58 1 4	3 9 7
Cornelius Hoffman, do. sixth do.,	55 1 7	3 6 1
George Tripner, Sen'r, do. fifth do.,	60 11 2	3 12 8
Thomas Jones, do. sixth do.,	59 3 1	3 11 0
John McManus, do. third do.,	60 17 7	3 13 0
Patrick Mulvaney, do. second do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10
John Johnston, do. seventh do.,	56 3 3½	3 7 4
Francis McDaniel, do. do.,	28 4 10	1 13 10
Malcolm Forrest, do. fifth do.,	61 10 4	3 13 9
Peter Gabell, do. second do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10
George Harvey, Corporal in the sixth do.,	61 19 1	3 14 4
Matthew Kerr, private do. do.,	59 3 1	3 11 0
Thomas Powell, do. fifth do.,	55 4 8	3 6 3
John Douse, do. do. do..	60 4 7	3 12 3
James Craig, do. third do.,	60 17 7	3 13 0
William Judges, do. second do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10
John Spiegel, adm'r & father of Jacob Spiegel, Serjeant of Artillery,	83 8 2	5 0 0

	Principal.	Interest.
Lieutenant James Morris Jones, of the second regim't,	222 10 10¾	13 6 11
Alexander Rodgers, Serjeant of the sixth do.,	64 4 10	3 17 0
Jesse Moore, Fifer of the second do.,	64 18 9	3 17 9
Lawrence Sloane, private of the third do,	60 17 7	3 13 0
Samuel Edgar, Serjeant in the tenth do.,	121 6 6½	7 5 6
James Montgomery, private in the third do.,	60 17 7	3 13 0
James Sweeney, private in do. do.,	60 17 7	3 13 0

The delegates from this State to Congress were admitted into the Council Chamber, and made the following representation: "That Wednesday was assigned for the ultimate determination of Congress whether they would return to this city or not; that they believed the affirmative determination on this question would be very acceptable to the people of this city, and that they had some reason to believe that an invitation from Council would probably give it that desirable cast."

Resolved, That the delegates from Pennsylvania be at liberty to assure Congress that their return to this city would be a very acceptable event to the Council of this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, James Potter, } Esquires.

A letter from Governor Harrison, inclosing an act of the Virginia Assembly, was read.

A letter from the Superintendant of Finance, inclosing a letter lately written by him to the President of Congress, was read.

Ordered, That the wardens of the port of Philadelphia be requested to have an exact survey made of the bed of the river Delaware, and such measurements as may be necessary to determine which of the chevaux-de-frize should be removed, and in what manner the channel may be rendered most advantageous to the commerce of this city.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of sixty pounds specie, in favour of the Hon'ble John Buyers, Esquire, in full for his attendance in Council and mileage till the thirty-first of July, 1783, inclusively.

The Honorable the Vice President and General Potter were named to the Board of Property, which sits this day at four o'clock.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, James Potter, John Buyers, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of David Limbach, for the sum of three pounds five shillings and ten pence, in full for his services as Waggon Master from the thirteenth day of June, 1779, 'till the twenty-ninth day of February, 1780, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of this day.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Serjeant Hugh Mulhollin, of the second regiment,	£76 14 4	4 11 11
Andrew McGaughy, private of the seventh do.,	87 16 1	5 5 3
Joseph Campbell, Corporal in the first do.,	96 5 4	5 15 5
Henry Guest, private in the second do.,	63 19 11	3 16 9
Levi Burns, private in the tenth do.,	50 11 7	3 0 8
John Smith, Corporal in the eleventh do.,	39 18 2	2 7 9
Patrick McCasland, private of sixth do.,	59 3 1	3 10 11
George Dicks, Drummer in the first do.,	42 7 0	2 10 9
Christian Wincher, private in the German do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10
George Francis, Serjeant in do. do.,	83 2 6	4 19 8
Samuel Allen, private in the second do.,	59 1 7	3 10 10

	Principal.			Interest.		
Lieutenant James McFarlanee, of first do.,	220	7	2	13	4	5
Thomas Rock, private in the first do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Captain Benjamin Bartholomew, of fifth do.,	96	4	1	5	15	4
Captain William McKissack, late of Flying Camp,	215	3	11	12	18	2
Martin Delany, private of the fifth regiment,	58	12	2	3	10	3

The report of the Surveyor General, Secretary, and Receiver General of the Land Office of this day, upon the title of Jacob Shallus to a city lot, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Byers, Sebastian Levan, James Potter, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.

Ordered, Upon the petition of George Binckes, and the interposition of the magistracy of the county of Bucks, that such part of the fine imposed upon him by sentence of the Court as belongs to the State be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer, for the sum of three hundred pounds in specie, in favour of William Bradford, Junior, Esquire, on account of his salary as Attorney General of the State.

A letter was written to the Prothonotary of Washington county, inclosing an extract from the late letter of Governor Harrison and its inclosure, and directing the said Prothonotary to report upon it with all possible dispatch.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, for one hundred and twenty-five pounds specie, being one-quarter's salary, ending this day, as Vice President of the State.

The Comptroller General's report on the accounts of Samuel Benezet, Esq'r, Deputy Prothonotary of the county of Bucks, for monies arising from court fines, tavern and marriage licences, and the tax on writs; and of Adam Reigart, Esquire, for horses purchased in the year 1778, for public use, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Buyers, James Potter, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Captain Thomas Huston, for the sum of twelve pounds five shillings, to enable him to discharge a debt of nine pounds recovered by William Hodge, for the services of his Negro slave Bristol, on board the State brigg Convention, late commanded by said Huston, as appears by a report of referrees, together with three pounds, with five shillings costs.

Agreeably to the Comptroller General's report, an order was drawn upon the Treasurer, for the sum of eight pounds six shillings and seven pence halfpenny, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in favour of Robert Merrick, in full of a certificate for a horse furnished by him for public use.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Byers, James Potter, } Esquires.

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the money arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Lieutenant John McCullam, of the seventh regiment,	£296 12 3	17 15 10
Patrick Cross, private of the second regiment,	59 1 7	3 10 10
The widow and administratrix of Martin Warner, 4th do.,	59 6 1	3 11 1

	Principal.	Interest.
James Welsh, private of the seventh do.,	57 15 4	3 9 2
James English, a Serjeant in the sixth regiment.	103 16 2	6 4 6
Christian Young, Corporal in the fifth do.,	64 10 11	3 17 4
James Evans, Serjeant, do.,	74 15 7	4 9 8

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Potter, John Byers, } Esquires.
Sebastian Levan, }

Colonel William Henry attended and laid before Council a letter from Colonel Coates, engaging to stop in the hands of the Paymaster of the county of Philadelphia, the sum of thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, due to George Miller, a delinquent Collector of militia fines, for military services performed by him: Upon which Council

Resolve, That the directions contained in the Secretary's O letter of the twenty-fifth of July be adopted, and that Colonel Henry be desired to release the said George Miller from his confinement accordingly.

The letter is as follows, to wit:

SIR:—Upon the petition of George Miller, the members of Council present conceive that an assignment of thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, the sum for which he has been arrested, should be made to you upon the credit of the sum due to the said Miller for military services. This assignment accepted, Council agree that the said Miller may be released from his confinement.

I am, sir, with the utmost respect, your obedient and very humble servant,

COLONEL WILLIAM HENRY.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Junior, Secretary.

The Comptroller General, by a letter of this day, informed the Council that he had discovered that before the granting the order

of July the eighth, Colonel Philip Greenawalt had been paid in full for his services as Town Major of Lebanon, in Lancaster county, and that the entry of the said order is reversed in his books.

Ordered, That the same be now cancelled.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Byers, James Potter, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Upon the petition of George Wrightsman, convicted of keeping a tipling house at the last city court,

Ordered, That the fine of ten pounds adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said George Wrightsman, be remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Richard Fleming, for five pounds specie, being two months' pay advanced to him as a soldier belonging to Captain Thomas Stokeley's company of Rangers in Westmoreland county, to defray his expences to said county, he having just returned from captivity, for which sum he is to account, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

Passes to Westmoreland county were granted to Richard Fleming & William Marshall.

Note.—That no fees were received.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, James Potter, John Byers, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

In consideration of the long confinement of Anne Martin,

Ordered, That her farther imprisonment be remitted.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn

for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt :

	Principal.			Interest.		
James Wining, private in the second regiment,	84	16	7	5	1	8
Lieutenant Henry Piercy, of do do.	29	14	9	1	15	8
do. James Campbell, of first do.	31	8	9	1	17	8
Hugh Gowans, Quarter Master Serjeant,	62	18	8	3	15	4
Baltzer Barge, private of the second do.,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Robert McDonald, private of fifth do.,	40	14	5	2	8	9
William McElhatton, Fifer Invalid do.,	18	1	6	1	1	8
Doctor John Duffield, Surg'ns Mate, Gen'l Hospital,	250	2	3½	21	0	1
Stacey Williams, private in the sixth regiment,	55	7	4	3	6	5
James Patterson, Quarter Master's Serjeant Proctor's do.,	93	5	1	5	11	10
Daniel Broadhead, Esquire, Colonel of eighth do.,	341	9	6	20	9	8
William Warner, private in the second do.,	58	11	7	3	10	3
Patrick Norton, private in the tenth do ,	59	3	1	3	10	11
John King, a Dragoon of Cavalry,	29	7	8	1	15	3
Joseph Oliver, Corporal of Artillery,	69	4	6½	4	2	11
James Butler, late a Corporal in the 11th reg't,	61	9	1	3	13	8
Thomas Alexander, Bombadier Artillery Artificers, .	66	12	4	3	19	10
Joseph Jacobs, Drummer in the sixth regiment,	43	0	2	2	11	7
Robert, the brother and administrator of Francis Davidson, late private in the sixth regiment,	58	14	11	3	10	1

A draft of a proclamation was laid before the Board, which being read was agreed to, in the following words, to wit :

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Divers ill disposed persons have manufactured or imported into this State quantities of base metal, in the similitude

of British half pence, but much inferior in value and weight to genuine British half pence, to the great injury of the community in general, and the poor in particular, such practices having a natural tendency to raise the prices of the necessaries of life, and introduce confusion in the currency of the country: We have therefore thought proper to prohibit, and do hereby strictly enjoin all officers employed in the receipt of taxes or other public dues, not to receive half pence of such base metal in any payments whatsoever, earnestly recommending to all the faithful inhabitants of this State to refuse it in payment, and by all other lawful ways and means, discourage the currency thereof, and hereby offering a public reward of fifty pounds in specie, for each and every person offending in the manner aforesaid, to be paid on conviction for the same, to any person or persons who shall apprehend and secure the said offenders, or any of them: And we do in a special manner direct and enjoin all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and other civil officers within this State, to make due inquiry after offenders in the premises, that they may be brought to speedy and condign punishment.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest:—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The President laid before the Board a draft of a Proclamation, which was agreed to, in the following words, to wit:

By the President, and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Divers disorderly persons have lately, in contempt of the laws of this State, presumed to measure, survey, or locate claims, or to settle upon vacant or unappropriated lands, situate northwardly of the west branch of the river Susquehanna, and westwardly of the river Ohio, and frequently impose upon the unwary by selling pretended rights to such lands: We do hereby strictly charge and enjoin all persons who have settled as aforesaid, immediately to remove from such lands; and in like manner we do hereby prohibit any person or persons to measure, survey, or locate claims, or to settle upon the lands aforesaid, or any part thereof, or any other vacant or unappropriated lands belonging to this State; and all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and other officers, and all well disposed persons, are hereby earnestly required to use their utmost

endeavours to prevent and discourage all such irregular proceedings, and to inforce a due obedience to the laws of this Commonwealth.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency the President and the less seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Byers, James Potter, and Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Upon the Comptroller General's report, that many non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line have not yet drawn the gratuity provided by a vote of the General Assembly of the eighth day of March, 1781,

Resolved, That an order be drawn in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of one hundred pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for the purpose of discharging the said gratuity—he to be accountable.

A letter from Monsieur Marbois, inclosing a second memorial from J. B. Orie, upon the subject of the cargo of the ship Count D'Estaing, was read.

Upon the Comptroller's report on the account of Archibald Murphy, a soldier,

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the said Murphy, for the sum of twenty dollars in specie, to be paid out of the monies arising from the class tax appropriated to the recruiting service.

A letter from Captain Schrawder, at Wyoming, of the thirtieth ultimo, and inclosures, were read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Van Campen,
George Wall, Junior, John McDowell,
John Byers, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favour of Griffith Evans, for the sum of thirty seven pounds ten shillings specie, being one quarter's salary as Assistant to the Comptroller General, ending the fourteenth instant.

In favour of James McMahan, for the sum of fifty-nine pounds eight shillings and nine pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full of two certificates of flour and beef furnished for the use of the public.

In favour of William Shaw, Esquire, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-five pounds eighteen shillings and four pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full of two certificates of provisions furnished for the use of the public—the two latter to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly dated eighth of April, 1782.

A deed was examined and signed by the President to John Maxwell Nesbitt, for eleven lots or parcels of land situate in the county of Philadelphia, sold agreeable to law, as the forfeited estate of Andrew Elliott, an attainted traytor, during the term of his natural life, for the sum of fourteen thousand six hundred and forty pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania. Deed dated this day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Byers,
John Van Campen, George Wall, Jun'r, } Esquires.

Mr. George Gray, and Mr. John Steinmetz, a committee from the General Assembly, waited upon Council and informed them that

they had now made a House, and were ready to receive any message which Council might have prepared for them.

The commission of Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, was ordered to issue to James Burns, Esquire, upon a return made agreeably to law

A letter from Mr. McGaughey of the county of Bedford, advising that he cannot accept the appointment of Excise office for the said county, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John McDowell,	Esquires.
John Byers,	James Potter,	
George Wall, Jun'r,	Sebastian Levan,	
John Van Campen,		

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to wait upon the Assembly, and inform them that the business Council wish to lay before them, will be ready early on to-morrow.

A letter from the Minister of France, inclosing the memorial of the French merchants settled in Philadelphia, was read.

A letter from the Commissioners of the Taxes for the county of Cumberland, was read.

The two following messages to the General Assembly were brought in by the President, read and approved, vizt:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—At length the arduous contest for the freedom and independence of America is decided in her favor, and we heartily congratulate you on the Articles of Peace, and the cessation of hostilities between the United States and Great Britain, and between the other belligerent Powers and that Kingdom, whereby a stop is put to the further effusion of blood, and the calamities that always attend upon war.

Our most ardent and devout thanks are due to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, for this great disposition of events in which we and our posterity are so deeply interested; and it should be our determined resolution, with a humble sense of our unworthiness, to manifest our grateful veneration for the Divine Author of such

a deliverance as this, by an improvement of it to the best of purposes, and by an habitual tenor of life that may be pleasing in his sight.

Our inattention would be inexcusable, if, on this great occasion, we should not warmly acknowledge how much we are indebted for our success, under Providence, to the friendship of our august Ally and the gallantry of his troops, and to the persevering fortitude of our officers and soldiers; an army whose patriotism must ever be remembered with affectionate reverence in these States, as long as that liberty for which they fought and suffered shall continue to be an object of regard.

Your honorable House has testified such a respect for the merits of these brave men, that we trust the most strenuous efforts of this State will be exerted fully to secure to them all the compensations they are intitled to by solemn and legal compacts: Compacts, which peace and sovereignty are witnesses for them, that they have faithfully and nobly performed on their part.

Gentlemen:—The Secretary will lay before you letters from the President of Congress, of May the eighth and twelfth, June the tenth and twentieth, and July the twenty-second and thirtieth; from the Commander-in-Chief, of June the fourteenth; from the Superintendant of Finance, of March the seventeenth and twenty-fifth, April the seventh, May the twelfth, June the fifth and twenty-first, and July the eleventh and twenty eighth; from the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, of April the twelfth; from the Governor of Virginia, of June the twelfth, and July the twenty-third; from General Irvine, of June the third; from the Commissioners for the defence of the navigation, of April the twenty-fourth; and from the Wardens of this port, of June the ninth, with many inclosures.

Your honorable House will observe that the communications on national affairs contain matters of the greatest magnitude, which demand immediate attention. The arguments therein offered demonstrate, that immense as the advantages are that have been already attained, yet the citizens of America must now determine whether they shall become blessings or misfortunes to them, and to succeeding generations, and that all the materials of happiness are lying ready before them, if they will but take the pains to put them properly together.

It would be useless to recapitulate points, or to dwell upon subjects that have been so accurately stated, and so ably discussed, but we feel ourselves impelled by a commanding sense of duty to our country, at this important crisis, most earnestly to recommend that the Confederation may be strengthened and improved. We are perfectly convinced, that to advance the dignity of the Union is the best way to advance the interest of each particular State.

When the powers of the whole shall be so combined that general and relative concerns may be firmly governed by a Fœderal supremacy, and a competent part of the resources of the whole can

be promptly and effectually drawn forth, and applied to national purposes, all the benefits of respect, tranquility, and safety, that are naturally attached to an extensive and well established Empire, may be ensured, and at a rate much cheaper and more easy than by any other method that can be devised. Indeed, without such a combination they never can be ensured. Every attempt to substitute some other plan will be disappointed, and have a tendancy to produce all the miseries of intestine convulsions, and of foreign influence, if not invasion.

Reason, honesty, and her own experience, prescribe the conduct that ought to be adopted by America, and let her not disdain, in deciding upon her character and destiny, to take warning from the uniform examples of other nations.

The history of mankind does not afford an instance that has come to our knowledge, of a people voluntarily united in such a cause, who have ever broken that union, or weakened it by being neglectful of the duties arising from it, without involving themselves in dreadful calamities.

We esteem it an indispensable duty at this time, to declare our opinion, that all the authorities before mentioned may be vested in a Federal Council, not only without the least danger to liberty, but that liberty will be thereby better secured.

Mistakes upon this subject, in the circumstances now existing, must have unhappy consequences, and therefore, we are solicitous that the pretences assigned for jealousies of such authorities, and the motives through which they may be propagated, should be very carefully examined. Every man who truly loves his country should boldly avow his sentiments upon this momentous point, and faithfully act up to them.

It is a treasonable cowardice to flatter the prejudices of the uninformed, and thereby to betray the welfare of them and their posterity, for the sake of offices or applauses which they can bestow. Nothing is more easy for the selfish and the artful than this insidious management. Human frailty is too apt to prefer things present and pleasing to those infinitely more valuable, if more remote. Thus it often debases and contracts its enjoyments by eagerness to taste them. The unfeeling and designing encourage this irregular appetite, that they may prepare victims to their inordinate passions. It is this temper, and this abuse of it, that so frequently sacrifices the interests of millions, and of ages, for the gratifications of a few individuals for a few years.

The period is arrived when a decision must be made that will either lead to order, reputation, and prosperity, or to confusion, dishonor, and distress. We fervently pray that Almighty God will be pleased to inspire the people of this land with wisdom to make such a choice as shall establish their felicity upon a durable basis, and till time shall be no more, afford just cause for an American to rejoice that he is a citizen of the United States.

Gentlemen—The resolutions in the address of Congress now communicated, we hope will receive your approbation, and that they will be directly and compleatly carried into execution, notwithstanding this Commonwealth might alledge particular reasons for supporting objections against some of them; but we plainly perceive that unless these States are animated by such generous and affectionate regard for each other as chearfully to make those mutual concessions, tho' to their own immediate disadvantage respectively, that may be requisite for advancing the good of the whole, the best plans for promoting the general weltare will probably be defeated by a preference to local and inferior considerations. There is not an internal or foreign enemy to our independence but who cherishes a hope that these considerations will prevail, and expects there will issue from this source of discords the calamities that are to prove how essential Monarchy is to constitutional liberty. May the conduct of Pennsylvania be ever influenced by so noble and sound a policy as incontestably to shew that her constant aim is the happiness of her sister States in common with her own, and that no gainful or ambitious prospects can tempt her to pass the bounds of this wise and virtuous moderation.

We join our anxious wishes to the recommendation that a relinquishment may be obtained upon such liberal principles, that the stability of the Confederacy may not be endangered of territorial claims in the western country to the United States, so that it may be settled and disposed of by them for the general benefit, and that no time may be lost in obtaining such relinquishment. Many weighty considerations urge that this business be vigorously prosecuted and speedily concluded. Longer delays will be attended with very extensive if not irremediable mischiefs.

In addition to other reasons, the fraudulent practices so frequently used of late in impairing the value of the current coin, render the establishment of a mint expedient.

We are informed that some edicts have been lately published in Europe that may be particularly injurious to the trade of this State, and, therefore, they deserve notice.

As several offers have been made before Congress respecting their permanent residence, it appears to us very proper, and we are desirous that such proposals should be now made, as will evince that no State can be more sincerely disposed to consult the dignity of that honorable body, and the convenience of the Union, than this Commonwealth.

It may be advisable at this session to appoint some place for the meeting of the Council of Censors, and to fix the allowance for their attendance.

The health of the inhabitants of this State is exposed to imminent dangers by defects in the laws respecting sickly vessels. Regulations on this subject claim your strictest and earliest care.

Very good consequences we expect would attend the execution of the resolve of the General Assembly made on the seventh of March, 1780, by surveying and allotting to officers and privates the tract of country reserved and set apart for their use Considering the circumstances in which these much deserving fellow citizens will now find themselves, this measure may afford them some relief; and if any other mode for a more immediate alleviation of their distresses shall, in your wisdom, be judged practicable, we know your Honorable House will be pleased with giving an additional evidence of the attention due to men who have so signally served their country. Many of them have suffered by a depreciation of their unalienated certificates. This has occasioned by some expressions in the act passed on the twenty-first of last March, that seem not to authorize payment of interest, even upon alienations made after the original possessors have taken the oath or affirmation required by the act. Thus, after they are proved to be the objects of the law, they are deprived of the advantages that would arise, by transferring their certificates for their value, though this appears to be the chief benefit intended in similar cases where permanent funds are provided for the payment of interest.

Very considerable amendments may be made in the laws for the establishment of courts and the administration of justice. Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Gaol Delivery, and Nisi Prius, should be held by the Judges of the Supreme Court, at certain days and places, in every county, so that the parties may have timely notice and be duly prepared for the trial of their causes. A dangerous power is vested in Sheriffs, by leaving the election of Jurors totally dependant upon their pleasure. The entire and inestimable benefits of that mode of trial ought, in civil and criminal cases, to be so secured to every Pennsylvanian that, conscious of his life, liberty and property being guarded against the passions and prejudices of persons in public office, he should have nothing to fear but the laws of his country deciding upon his actions and fortunes, in the judgment of his uninfluenced peers. Useful examples of this sort have been given by several of these States. It should be determined with precision, what statutes prior to the Revolution are in force here, or else a very indefinite kind of legislation is committed to Judges. Errors in process and pleading should be amendable upon reasonable terms, so that neither merits may be subverted by forms nor a disreputable laxity introduced into practice. These regulations will promote the impartial administration of justice with the least delay and at the smallest expence.

The answers now sent, of two Judges of the Supreme Court, to questions proposed by us concerning the legality of commissions of Oyer and Terminer, and the modes directed by acts of Assembly for the appointment of Justices of the Peace by Council, without the elections of the people, may be of use in forming such a law as you may think requisite thereupon.

The acts relating to marriages might be so amended that the licences would be in every respect more beneficial than they now are.

The discharge of debts due by the State, or if that cannot be soon accomplished, at least the regular payment of the interest, should be provided for, and well secured by adequate funds, so that the best satisfaction which circumstances will permit may be given to the creditors. Continual and sometimes very affecting applications are made to us, but while we perceive the obligations of justice and the injuries and distresses attendant upon a non-compliance with them, we are unable to afford relief. It is essential to the publick welfare that publick credit, upon which alone confidence can be founded, should be supported, and we earnestly wish the General Assembly would take into their serious consideration the ways and means for establishing a more regular and improved system of revenue. We believe that the burthens of the good people of this State might be thus relieved, and we shall esteem ourselves very happy if we can furnish any useful information upon this subject.

The acts for suppressing auctions, and those for imposts on goods, wares and merchandizes imported, require a revision.

There are several cases where, by former laws, proceedings were to be had before the Mayor and Aldermen, and similar powers have not yet been given to other Magistrates in their place.

The institution of a Chamber of Commerce would probably be attended with utility, in disputes among merchants; and perhaps the integrity and experience of many worthy and well informed citizens might thereby be more particularly engaged than they otherwise can be to aid Government in affairs of trade and finance.

The passage of the river should be cleared, by removing the chevaux de frize. We have directed proposals to be received, but did not choose to proceed further without your approbation.

The highways are in bad condition, and the mode pointed out by law for mending them is judged by us exceedingly inadequate to the purpose of securing the best benefits that may arise from their being kept in good order.

What canals can be advantageously made, and how far the Delaware, Schuylkill, and Susquehanna may be rendered more navigable, are matters worthy of much consideration.

The fortifications and banks on Mud Island, and the hospitals and wharves on State Island, want many repairs.

An act of Assembly is immediately required to ascertain the extent of the port of Philadelphia, and to prevent insults and disturbances therein, as also to define the powers of the Sheriff as Water Bailiff.

The western boundary of the State should be precisely determined.

Arrangments should be made for giving the utmost force and speediest effect to the exertions of the militia.

Humanity, and a regard for the precepts of religion, dictate a desire that the Legislature of Pennsylvania may every year appoint a standing committee to visit all prisons, and to report minutely in writing the treatment given the unhappy persons confined in them.

A power is vested in us to sell the lot of the old prison; but we think a power to rent it would be more advantageous, unless it may be thought fit to appropriate it for an exchange, which, considering its situation and other circumstances, would perhaps be the most useful and honorable purpose to which it could be applied.

By a memorial that will be herewith, it appears that no proper provision is made for the measuring of grain and salt.

Since your recess, we have diligently endeavoured to forward the collection of publick taxes, of which we hope your Honourable House will be convinced by the inclosed papers. The deficiencies in several parts of the State are still considerable.

We have pursued the measures that appeared to us most prudent for carrying into execution the law intitled "An Act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representation, and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned, for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally at the end of the war," so far as relates to the surveying and laying out in lots the tract therein first described. The peculiarly uncertain state of public affairs for some time after the last sessions, obliged us to proceed with caution; and we took every previous step we could think of to facilitate the business and secure success. Our instructions, and several letters relative to that subject, will be presented by the Secretary. Captain Robinson's and Captain Schrawder's companies are stationed at Wyoming. We inclose a letter from the latter, containing intelligence of importance. The other companies of Rangers, which were very incomplete, we have thought it most advisable to discharge.

Considerable difficulties have occurred upon the laws of trade, concerning the payment of the duties of whole cargoes, where the importers were desirous after their arrival here of exporting part; and also upon the late law for the payment of interest on certain certificates by the Continental Loan officer. The papers now transmitted will afford the necessary information in these cases.

Mr. Marbois, as Consul General of France, has made repeated applications to us, representing, as you will perceive by his memorials, the injuries done to the commerce of that kingdom, by the interposition of the civil authority in disputes between masters of vessels and their seamen. From respect for his Most Christian Majesty, we should be glad that a remedy might be provided for this particular grievance, even before a convention for regulating consular offices is agreed upon, as we believe the desired effect might be given without any inconvenience.

Many of the points which we now offer to the consideration of your honorable House are of such a nature that they could not be treated more fully in this message, without extending it to too great a length; but while such a harmony as the present subsists between the Legislative and Executive powers, any further communications that may be thought necessary can readily be made.

Gentlemen, as it is a duty in rulers to inculcate and establish principles and habits of the most favourable influence upon society and government, we do not doubt but part of your attention, now relieved from the distresses of war, will be particularly engaged in such salutary cares and endeavours. It being the unanimous sense of the best and wisest men, that no regulations can have such a direct tendency to produce these happy effects, as those that promote the good education of youth, we are persuaded that seminaries of learning will find in your honorable body the patronage and encouragement that always reflect a lustre upon Legislators, by being in a distinguished manner beneficial to a State.

JOHN DICKINSON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philadelphia, August 18th, 1783.

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—We think it our duty to lay before you an account of the late disturbances among the soldiery in this State.

On the nineteenth day of June we received the inclosed letters from Colonel Richard Butler and William Henry, Esquire, of Lancaster, and immediately transmitted them by our delegates to Congress.

In the conference with the committee appointed on these letters, some of them proposed the stopping the soldiery from Lancaster, by a detachment of the militia to be instantly called out. We informed the committee that Lieutenant Butler, who brought the late dispatches, had represented to us that the soldiers had behaved very regularly upon their march; that they said they were coming to have their accounts settled; that they must then be near the town, and that it was very improbable a sufficient force could be collected in time to intercept them.

The case appeared so delicate and difficult, that the committee themselves seemed to doubt the propriety of opposing the soldiers by force and compelling them to return, and one of them said that "in all cases in which he could not determine precisely what to do, it was a maxim with him that the better way was to do nothing."

On the same day orders were issued from the War office, that these soldiers should be received into the Barracks and supplied with rations.

On Saturday the twenty first day of June, a party of thirty armed soldiers marched from the quarters in the Barracks, and parading before the State House, where we were then met in Council, sent up to us by the Secretary the following message in writing:

May it please your Excellency:

We the non-commissioned officers and soldiers now in this city, demand of you and the Honorable Council, authority to appoint commissioned officers to command us, and redress our grievances, which officers to have full power to adopt such measures as they may judge most likely to procure us justice. You will immediately issue such authority and deliver it to us, or otherwise we shall instantly let in those injured soldiers upon you and abide by the consequence. You have only twenty minutes to deliberate on this important matter. The officers in general have forsaken us and refuse to take any further command. This I presume you all know. We are, in behalf of ourselves and the men,

Yours, &ca., &ca.

The immediate object of this message, the terms in which it was expressed, and the further design of the insurgents to procure a sanction for their future proceedings by an authority to be derived from us, determined us unanimously to resolve that the demands contained in it should be rejected.

In the meantime a larger number of soldiers in arms advanced, and soon joined their companions, making in the whole a body of about three hundred men of the Pennsylvania line, under the direction of Serjeants. They paraded also before the State House; a party of fifteen or twenty men took post in the yard opposite to the south windows of the Council Chamber, and Centinels were fixed at the doors of the State House, but people still kept continually going out and coming in without being stopped by them.

We remained in the Council Chamber for more than an hour after the receipt of the message before mentioned, and then sent the Secretary to inquire if that message to the Council was approved by the soldiers in general. He reported to us that he was answered insolently by some of the leaders—"it was approved by them, and that we should hear more from them."

While these things past, most of the members of Congress assembled, but not in sufficient number to form a Congress. That Honorable body stood adjourned from Friday till the following Monday, Saturday being a day of usual recess, but upon the alarm the members were specially summoned by their President, and at the place to which the soldiers were moving.

For what purpose they were so summoned, we have not been informed.

The President of this Board went to these gentlemen and communicated the message of the soldiery and the resolution of Coun-

cil. He then returned to the Council Chamber. No further measure was decided upon till General St. Clair came up and expressed his hopes that the soldiers might be prevailed upon to return peaceably to their quarters, if Council would consent to a conference with a committee of either commissioned or deranged officers, to be appointed by them, on the state of their affairs. The President of this Board again went to the Congress room, and asked the President of Congress in the presence of several other members, if it was agreeable to them that Council should hold the conference proposed through General St. Clair. He was answered by the President, that "they most cheerfully agreed to Council's holding such a conference; for that he and the members of Congress, had impowered General St. Clair to settle the matter with the soldiers, in such manner as he should judge most proper."*

We assented to the proposal. About three o'clock the members of Congress left the State House. We have heard that their President was stopped for a few moments in Chesnut street, by some soldiers, but that one of the leading Serjeants coming up, apologized for what had happened, reproved the soldiers, and took them away.

We continued in Council 'till four o'clock, when the soldiers were on their return to the Barracks. That evening Colonel Hamilton and Mr. Elsworth, of a Committee of Congress, called upon the President, and read to him a resolution which had been just passed by that Honorable body. The President then told them he would summon a Council to take it into consideration, and to confer with the Committee the next morning at nine o'clock. We met accordingly at the President's house, on Sunday, June the twenty-second, and the following resolution was read to us by the Committee:

By the United States in Congress assembled, June the 21st, 1783:

Resolved, That the President and Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania be informed that the authority of the United States having this day been grossly insulted by the disorderly and menacing appearance of a body of armed soldiers about the place in which Congress were assembled, and the peace of this city being endangered by the mutinous disposition of the said troops now in the Barracks, it is the opinion of Congress, necessary that effectual measures be immediately taken for supporting the publick authority.

*Several members of Congress say that General St. Clair was called in to the Congress room, and as well as the members can recollect, addressed by the President in these words: "Sir:—You are impowered by the members of Congress here present to go among the soldiers & take such measures as you shall judge most proper."

Resolved, That the Committee on a letter from Colonel Butler, be directed to confer, without loss of time, with the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, on the practicability of carrying the preceeding resolution into effect.

The Committee then gave us the explanation, as they termed it, of the foregoing resolution. By effectual measures, Congress mean that the militia of the State be immediately called forth in sufficient force to reduce the soldiers to obedience, disarm, and put them in the power of Congress.

We observed that this was indeed a matter of great moment, and to obtain the desired effect, without producing unhappy consequences, must be conducted with much prudence; that to call the militia into service without an assurance of a sufficient force being immediately collected, would be an act of irritation that might provoke the soldiery to excesses which they otherwise might decline; that we would take immediate steps to consulting the Colonels of the regiments of militia for discovering the disposition of the militia, and the state of preparation in which they were, in order to ascertain the practicability of adopting the effectual measures recommended by Congress, in such a manner as would give a reasonable expectation of success; that the State Magazine was in the hands of the soldiery, and the Commissary of Military Stores had but a very inconsiderable quantity of fixed ammunition in his possession; that difficulties might arise from the militia law itself; that in the present situation of affairs, delay was of the greatest advantage to us, as the soldiers were ready to act; that they had put themselves in a train of negotiation, which, if properly improved by us, might afford us opportunity to prepare everything for reducing them, and to avail ourselves of every circumstance that might occur for making proper impressions on their minds; that this was not so much to be considered as an insurrection of citizens of Pennsylvania as a mutiny of Continental troops; that if the rest of the army, or a sufficient part of them, could be relied on, it appeared to us adviseable that intelligence of this disturbance should be immediately dispatched to the Commander-in-Chief, and a body of men put in motion towards this city; that this measure might, in a few days have a very favorable effect upon the soldiers, or if they should take any resolution from despair, on receiving notice of it, we should then be in a better condition to resist their outrages; that we would immediately make every effort in our power to answer the wishes of Congress.

The committee replied that there was great weight in these observations; that prudence required that means should be used for ascertaining the temper of the citizens, and what degree of assurance might be placed in their exertions; that this should be done with profound secrecy, to prevent the soldiery from discovering what was in agitation; that if, upon making all the inquiry which might be consistent with the secrecy with which this business

should be conducted, Council should not think it practicable to draw forth an adequate force immediately, it would be more adviseably, & intirely the sense of Congress, that none should be drawn forth; for Congress were determined to proceed by coercion, and expected soon to have a force that could be depended on; that the army might be relied on, and that proper representations had been made to the Commander-in-Chief; that as to the want of ammunition, we might be assured that we could be supplied with any quantity of musquet and cannon cartridge in fifteen minutes, one of the committee having pointed his inquiries to that subject. and his information being derived from a person whose business it was to know. We then desired that the ammunition mentioned by the committee might be secured, least it might be discovered and seized by the soldiers.

The committee agreed to confer with us again next morning, and then withdrew.*

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* The committee of Congress, in their report, have fallen into several mistakes by confounding facts and sentiments, and representing them as happening, or expressed, at times when they had not happened, or were not expressed. These mistakes were owing, no doubt, to the quick succession of circumstances, and the ideas that, without noticing dates, in consequence took possession of the mind. The obvious construction of the first report is, that the committee informed Council "of the letter to Congress from the Board of Serjeants," tho' not a single member of Council, nor the Secretary, has any remembrance of its being mentioned by them, nor does any member now know what that message was. The argument annexed to it in the report is no more recollected.

The committee say that Council informed them, "the exertions of the militia were not to be expected from the repetition of the insult which had happened," tho' the Council only said "they could not be sure that such another insult would produce those exertions."

In short, to shew the extreme inaccuracy with which these reports, to be entered upon the minutes of Congress, and preserved among the archives of the Empire, have been composed, it is necessary only to attend to that part where the committee say that "represented to Council, that Congress would probably continue to pursue *the object of having the soldiers in their power*, unless it should be superceded by unequivocal demonstrations of submission on the part of the mutineers; that they had hitherto given no satisfactory evidence of this disposition, having lately presented the officers they had chosen to represent their grievances, with a formal commission in writing, enjoining them to use compulsory means for redress, and menacing them with death in case of their failing to execute their views."

The conference in which the committee say they made this representation, was held, according to their own report, on the twenty-third day of June. It began at ten o'clock in the morning. The commission from the mutineers to the officers bears date, and was presented to the officers on that day, about eight o'clock in the morning. It is highly improbable that the committee should have discovered its contents in the two hours that intervened between its being *presented* and *their meeting* the Council; and the improbability is increased by this circumstance, that not a man who was in Council knew anything of the commission, nor remembers to have heard a single syllable respecting it mentioned by the committee during the whole conference.

The first knowledge Council had of the commission was on the twenty-fourth, when they received the letter from Captain *Christie*, and that same day they sent a copy of it to Congress by their Secretary.

After the committee had withdrawn, we resolved, that every member of Council use the utmost diligence to inform himself as to the practicability of collecting a sufficient force immediately to carry the resolution of Congress into execution; and that the commanding officers of regiments, and Captain *Morris*, of the Light Horse, be consulted on the subject.

The next morning, Monday, *June* the twenty-third, we met in the Council Chamber, and the President laid before Council the following letter:

PHILADELPHIA, June 23rd, 1783.

SIR:—We have the honor to inclose for your Excellency and the Council, a copy of the resolutions communicated in our conference yesterday. Having then fully entered into all the explanations which were necessary on the subject, we shall not trouble your Excellency with a recapitulation. But as the subject is of a delicate and important nature, we think it our duty to request the determination of the Council in writing. We have the honor to be, with perfect respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,
A. HAMILTON.

After considering this letter, and agreeing to a resolution upon it, the committee came in. We began the conference by saying, that we had used all the industry we could the preceding day and that morning, to inform ourselves as to the practicability of collecting a sufficient force immediately to carry the resolution of Congress into execution in the best manner; and that all the commanding officers of regiments, except one, had been consulted by us on that subject; that the result of our inquiries was, that the citizens were impressed with an opinion of the pacific disposition of the soldiery in the Barracks, and that they would be satisfied with what was just and reasonable; that the officers also declared the militia were not prepared for service; and that it would be very imprudent to call them into immediate action under these impressions, and in such a situation.

We desired the committee would be pleased to consider the difficulties under which we laboured in collecting and equipping a sufficient body of men upon such an occasion, and that time might be allowed for communicating the proper information, and urging the proper motives to bring the minds of our fellow-citizens into a correspondence with the views of Congress, and for preparing them to act; that to make an attempt too hastily for the purpose of executing their resolutions, or to give assurances that it should be executed without a reasonable persuasion that we should not be mistaken, would, instead of evidencing our reverence for Congress, be

to betray them; that therefore, we should confide in the candor of the committee, and in the magnanimity of Congress, to put a just construction upon our conduct; that the soldiers had behaved very peaceably since *Saturday*, had appointed their committee to confer with us, and seemed to rely upon the negotiation which they had been induced to commence, with the concurrence of the President and the members of Congress themselves, who had sent General *St. Clair* to treat with them, and which we had agreed to proceed in, with the approbation and advice of the President of Congress, and the members who had been spoken to on the occasion; that in this state of affairs, any movement to collect the militia might be regarded by the soldiery as an act of treachery, and unless it should be rapid and efficient, would at once expose Congress, Council, and our fellow-citizens, and endanger the city.

That as to the letter of the committee requesting the determination of the Council in writing, it appeared to us an unusual mode of proceeding in conferences between committees of Congress and the Council of this State; that this mode did not seem to be intended by Congress; that if they had made the request, we should cheerfully have granted it; if they should now make it, we should not hesitate to comply; that we had received from the committee a *verbal* and most *important* explanation of the resolution delivered by them, fully confiding in the honor of those by whom it was given; and that if the committee were apprehensive of any mistake, we wished them to reduce our answer to writing immediately, and we would repeat the several parts of it, to prevent any error.

The committee said they were sensible of the difficulties that occurred; that they did not mean that the conference intended between Council and the committee of the soldiery should be prevented; that collecting an adequate force in readiness to act, would not be inconsistent with this procedure; that as to the consequences of such an attempt being made and not immediately succeeding, it was suggested that even small bodies of militia might seize certain points where resistance could be made untill the rest of the citizens should come to their aid; that as to our answer, they acknowledged we had thro' this whole business, acted with great candor towards them, but they conceived themselves clearly justifiable in requesting our determination in writing, and instanced the case of inferior and accountable officers, who often ask and seldom are denied such an answer; and that the reason was much stronger that it should be given to a committee of Congress.

We having before expressed our sentiments on the other points, only observed as to the last, that in our opinion the case mentioned did not apply; that it might be very proper for responsible officers to ask for answers in writing to justify themselves to their superiors, and a generous condescension in the persons from whom they were

solicited, would induce them to comply ; but the committee were a part of the body representing the sovereignty of the United States, and we had the honor of representing the sovereignty of this State. That conferences, especially between persons vested with such authorities, were intended to obtain a free and full communication of sentiments without the intervention of writing, and that no inconvenience could be apprehended from proceeding in this usual method, as each party could rely upon the integrity of the other. The committee withdrew, and the Council rose.

In this unhappy affair we found ourselves extremely distressed. On one side we were urged by the representatives of the United States to draw forth, and employ the citizens in immediate hostilities against the soldiers, while on the other hand, the citizens considered them as objects of compassion rather than of terror or resentment. They could not bear to avenge the dignity of Congress, *accidently* and *undesignedly* offended, by shedding the blood of men whom they considered as having fought and suffered for the *American* cause, and perhaps the world may be disposed to ballance the charge of impoliey in this conduct, by giving credit for the humanity of such a behaviour.

We met again in the evening at the President's house, and in order to make particular communications, we directed the Lieutenants of the city and county, all the field officers of the militia in the city and neighborhood, and Captain *Morris* of the Light Horse, to be convened to meet us at the State House the next morning at ten o'clock.

Accordingly, on Tuesday the twenty-fourth, we met in the Assembly room: Colonels *Shee, Eyre, Knox, Marsh, Read, Will, Dean, Henry, Coates ;* Majors *Rees, Brown, Casdrop, McCullough, Boyd and Fanqueke ;* and Captain Morris ; only one field officer being absent.

We laid before these gentlemen the message we had received on Saturday from the soldiery, and our own resolution thereon, with the resolution of Congress passed that day. We informed them that the committee of Congress had, in a conference, explained the said resolution, by saying, that by the effectual measures therein mentioned, Congress meant a call of militia into actual service, and their exertions in consequence of such a call; that there was reason to believe Congress would immediately remove from this State, unless they should receive assurances from us that they might rely upon the effectual measures intended by the said resolution being immediately taken for supporting the public authority ; that as to the want of ammunition that had been mentioned, the objection was happily removed, we having been assured by one of the committee of Congress that we could be supplied with any quantity of musquet and cannon cartridge in fifteen minutes. We therefore desired the officers to give us their sentiments on the practicability of

assembling the militia in such a manner as to effect the purposes of the resolution before mentioned, and also in what manner a guard of five hundred men could be most quickly collected for immediate defence, to be relieved by the militia, in consequence of a call for the service proposed. In the course of this conference, it was asked whether some kind of a negotiation had not taken place. We mentioned what had passed on that head. After some time, we retired to the Council Chamber. Soon after we came into the Chamber, one of the committee of Congress entered, and informed the President that he thought himself bound to give him notice of a great mistake that had been committed by the person from whom he had received his intelligence concerning the ammunition, that person having in a late conversation told him there were not more than two hundred musquet cartridges to be found. The President took this opportunity of again desireing that Council might not be precipitated into measures not adapted to the present circumstances; that the soldiers had now been quiet for three years, and we expected every hour to hear from their committee; the gentleman said that no report in writing had yet been made to Congress, and that for his part he should be for taking some time to make it, for the reasons that had been mentioned.

In about an hour after we had left the officers, we returned into the Assembly room to them, and Colonel *Shee*, speaking for the company, declared it to be their opinion, that it would be very imprudent to make any call of militia at present, as they were convinced it would be ineffectual; that if the negotiation for setling the disturbance should not succeed, and the soldiers should insist on unjust and unreasonable things, or should commit any outrage, they would be willing to make all the exertions in their power for preserving the peace and "supporting public authority," and would use their utmost influence for disposing the minds of all under their command, and of their fellow-citizens, to join in such measures.

We then directed that the officers should have their respective commands as well prepared as could be for action, on the shortest notice, which they promised to do; and we are persuaded that if the occasion for commencing hostilities had appeared as pressing to the militia as it did to some, they would have acted with the same spirit that had always distinguished them, whenever, in their judgment, the object claimed their exertions.

Before the Council adjourned, we received the following letter and inclosure from the committee appointed by the soldiers, vizt:

Sir:—Yesterday morning we were waited on severally by a committee of Serjeants, who handed to each of us similar appointments, of which the inclosed is one. But upon their being objected to, and refused as inconsistent with the powers granted them and dis-

honorable to us, they made such concessions relative to us as were satisfactory, so far as we could take up the business, and they have confessed their conduct on the twenty-first instant to be disorderly, and have promised to hand in their concessions as soon as possible, which will immediately lay before your Excellency. I have the honor to be, your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,

JAMES CHRISTIE,
Captain 2d Penn'a Reg't.

His Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President of the Committee.

Philadelphia Barracks, June 23d, 1783.

SIR:—You are hereby appointed by the non-commissioned officers and soldiers in this city from authority they have from the President of the State, and General St. Clair as a member, to represent them in committee of six commissioned officers.

You are to remember that every effort in your power must be exerted to bring about the most speedy and ample justice, and even to use compulsive measures, should they be found necessary, which we declare in the presence of Almighty God, we will support you in to the utmost of our power. Should you shew a disposition not to do all in your's, death is inevitably your fate. Signed by order of the Board.

JAMES BENNET, Secretary.

Captain James Chrystie.

Council rose, and soon afterwards we received intelligence that Congress was adjourned by their President, to meet at *Princetown* on the Thursday following.

That evening we met again at the President's house, upon advice that the soldiers meditated an attack on the Bank. We resolved that a strong guard should be immediately collected, and so posted as best to secure that important object, and as several field officers attended, they immediately and with the greatest alacrity, employed themselves in the business. The President, Vice President and General *Irvine*, directed Captain Stiles, the Commissary of Military Stores, to try the next day if he could not get some fixed ammunition out of the State Magazine, in removing powder that was private property. He did, and thro' the pacific or careless disposition of the guard of soldiers, got out a considerable quantity, and distributed it as ordered, in proper places.

Wednesday the twenty fifth, we were informed that the soldiers were in a very tumultuous disposition, and that there was great

reason to apprehend it would rise into some violence, as their rations would be stopped on the *Friday* following.

We therefore, came to the following resolutions :

In Council, Philadelphia, Wednesday, June the twenty-fifth, 1783.

Ordered, That the Lieutenants of the city militia, &ca., be directed to call forth a guard of one hundred privates, with such number of officers as he may think proper, as a measure indispensable and immediately necessary to secure government from insult, the State from disturbance, and the city from injury. Carpenter's Hall is assigned for the place of meeting.

Resolved, That the different officers commanding regiments, be requested to hold their respective commands in immediate readiness for action. It is expected, also, that they will meet this day as soon as possible, for the purpose of determining the places of and signals for rendezvous. A report of their proceedings to be made to the President.

Resolved, That the Commissary of Military Stores be directed to issue such public arms and ammunition as he may now have under his direction, to the militia of the city and liberties, upon application of the different officers commanding regiments.

While the Clerk was copying these resolutions, Captains *Chrystie* and *Symonds*, two of the committee of the soldiery, presented to us the three papers inclosed and marked number one, two, and three. These being read, it was unanimously resolved that Council will not even take the proposals now made by the soldiers into consideration, unless they first put themselves under the command of their officers, and make full and satisfactory submission to Congress.

This resolution was then communicated to Captains *Chrystie* and *Symonds*, and they being informed that it was our unalterable determination, were directed to communicate the same as such to the soldiers.

They assured us this should be immediately done, but that the soldiers did not think they had offended Congress, as their intention on Saturday was only to apply to Council. They then proceeded to what was and probably would be, the temper of the troops, upon receiving this answer of Council, and entreated us to take all the measures we possibly could for our own safety and that of the city, as everything licentious was to be apprehended. On this intelligence, Council ordered the guard to be increased to five hundred privates.

We then adjourned, and were severally employed in engaging the militia and citizens in general to take arms immediately. Our fixed resolution, insisting on a submission to Congress, the hall of the Militia, the excellent behaviour of the officers of our line, in general, the industry and address of Colonel *Hampton*, in repre-

senting to the Serjeants then in town the dangers that surrounded them by these operations, and intelligence that part of the army was in motion towards the city, with a circumstance that happened very opportunely, threw them into confusion. The circumstance was this: A Captain *Carberry*, deranged, and a Lieutenant *Sullivan*, two of the Committee appointed by the soldiers, and the principal instigators of the disturbance, were so much alarmed at the measures taken and the accounts circulated, that they thought proper to fly. They first wrote a billet to Mr. William *Huston*, another of the Committee, and Adjutant of Colonel *Hampton's* regiment, in these words: "Consult your own safety; we cannot get to you."

H. C.
J. S.

This note, by some mistake, was delivered to Captain Chrystie. He and Captain Symonds went with it to Colonel Humpton. He and the Captains came to the President, and brought the Serjeants. At first the construction was doubtful, but in a short time it was judged that the meaning was agreeably to the facts just stated. Colonel Humpton proposed his going to the Barracks with the Serjeants who had impeached Captain *Carberry* and Lieutenant *Sullivan*, and were now in a proper disposition to second his measures. He did so, and some citizens went to assist, by advising the soldiers to behave prudently in the present exigency. After some time they were prevailed upon to leave their arms under a guard at the Barracks, to come to the President's, and hear what he should say to them. They came and paraded before his house. He addressed them on the subject of their late and present behaviour, insisted on their giving a further evidence of their good disposition, and of their dutyfull submission to the offended Majesty of the United States, by compelling the soldiers lately arrived from *Lancaster* to lay down their arms or begin their march for that place, under the command of their officers, at the end of twenty-four hours, unless in that time those unhappy men should return to a sense of their duty. At the conclusion of the address, they were ordered to repair to the Barracks under the command of their officers, then present, and behave themselves as soldiers ought to do, and they instantly obeyed.

The next day at twelve o'clock, the soldiers from *Lancaster* submitted, and soon after began their march for that borough.

The President immediately communicated accounts of these transactions to the President of Congress in the three letters inclosed. The papers relating to the subsequent proceedings are herewith transmitted.

Thus, gentlemen, we have laid before you a faithful narrative of this affair, composed and examined while every circumstance was exactly remembered by us, and the Secretary will deliver to you the original papers, on which it is principally founded. We have

had great difficulties to encounter, but have been enabled to pursue that tenor of conduct which we have held by the perfect unanimity that subsisted among us, thro' every stage of this business.

We recollected the high trust reposed in us by our country. The honor and tranquility of the State, and the lives and property of our fellow-citizens were involved in our deliberations. We could not commit these pledges of the public confidence, some of them so invaluable and revered, to the dangers necessarily resulting from hasty and violent measures.

While thus attentive to the interests of the State and our fellow-citizens, we have cheerfully exposed ourselves to every hazard that could arise from a firmness of opposition to the demands of a mutinous soldiery. We daily and regularly assembled in the Council Chamber, in our usual manner, and determinately rejected every proposal inconsistent with our characters and the public good. It is true, we have been insulted, but the follies or faults of others cannot diminish the dignity of those who take care not to impair it by any unworthy action of their own.

Upon the whole, with grateful acknowledgments to the Divine Goodness, we sincerely rejoice that such a disturbance was quieted without our making a single improper concession, and without costing the life of one citizen of Pennsylvania.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, August 18th, 1783.

Ordered, That the Secretary transmit the same to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

Philadelphia, Tuesday, August 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	George Wall, Jun'r,	Esquires.
John McDowell	John Van Campen,	
James Potter,	Sebastian Wall,	
John Byers,		

Upon the petition of Thomas Durnal, convicted of a misdemeanor, at May term of Oyer and Terminer held for the county of Chester, 1783, and the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the said county in his favor, Council determine that the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by Thomas Durnal, be remitted.

Cunningham Semple, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of York, and William Bratton, Esquire, a

Justice of the Peace for the county of Cumberland, upon returns made according to law.

The memorial of Thomas Bradford, of the city of Philadelphia, upon the subject of some forfeited goods, &ea., &ea., was read, and rejected.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

In favour of David C. Claypoole, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings and three specie, being in full of his account for printing done for the State.

In favour of Thomas Bradford, for the sum of eighty-eight pounds twelve shillings and six pence specie, in full of his account for printing done for the State.

In favour of Nicholas Depui, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-eight pounds six shillings and three pence State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the amount of principal and interest due upon his certificate for a mare furnished for the use of the public, to be paid out of the fund provided by act of Assembly dated April the eighth, 1782.

And in favour of John Carr and Robert Stewart, for the sum of seven pounds specie, in full of their account for attendance on courts and Auditors, as Commissioners of the State for the purchase of cloathing in the year 1777.

The Council met.

Wednesday, August 20th, 1783.

PRESENT :

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, } Esquires.
John McDowell, John Van Campen, }

The Comptroller General's report on the account of Lieutenant James Anderson, for recruiting in the year 1777, was read and approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred pounds State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of discharging the one-third part of depreciation due to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, according to act of General Assembly dated thirteenth of April, 1782, for which he is to account.

The Council met.

Thursday, August the twenty-first, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	George Wall, Junior,	} Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	James Potter,	
John Byers,	John Van Campen,	

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
William Mayberry, Matross in the 1st reg't artil'y,	50	17	2½	3	1	0
Andrew Crawford, Matross of Artillery Artificers,	66	12	6	3	19	10
John Hemmelwright, private of the fifth regiment,	59	19	9	3	7	2
Howard Knight, Matross of Artillery,	68	14	2	4	2	4
Captain William Wilson, of the first regiment,	208	19	5½	12	10	9
Peter Wilduck, private of the first do.,	56	3	1	3	7	4
Bartholomew Berry, private of 10th do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
James Hawkins, private of the seventh do.,	85	14	4	5	2	9
Morris Casey, private of Hazen's do.,	56	13	3	3	7	11
Joseph Morrison, late Lieutenant Flying Camp,	345	13	8	20	14	9
Colonel William Butler, of the fourth regiment,	587	0	0	35	4	4
John Adams, private of do.,	58	1	1	3	9	7
Sadler Roach, do. do.,	54	1	8	3	4	10
John Brown, Fifer, late of the eleventh do.,	64	2	2	3	16	10
Sampson Dempsey, Serjeant in the fifth do.,	79	2	4	4	14	10
Captain Walter Finney, in the sixth do.,	396	5	9	23	15	6
Thomas Malson, private of the second do.,	39	8	11	2	7	3

	Principal.			Interest.		
Captain James Armstrong, of Lee's Partizan Legion,	388	15	6	23	6	5
Patrick McCormick, private in the 7th regiment,	56	2	6	3	7	4
Michael Kain, Serjeant in the 4th do.,	81	6	3	4	17	6
Josiah Harman, Esquire, Lieutenant Colonel 3rd do.,	167	3	9	10	0	6
Philip Everhard, a private in the third do.,	66	19	5	4	0	4
Samuel Doty, Lieutenant of the 1st Art'y do.,	297	13	8	17	17	1
Henry D. Purcell, Lieutenant in the second regiment,	63	1	7	3	15	8
Captain John Jordan, of Artillery Artificers,	177	0	0	10	12	4
Captain Lieutenant James Smith, of Artillery,	278	5	2	16	13	10
Michael Watz, a private in the third regiment,	60	8	8	3	12	5
Frederick Hill, do. in the fourth do.	39	15	8	2	7	7
Jacob Hill, do. in the fifth do.,	61	10	4	3	13	9
John McGlaughlin, private in do.,	59	3	1	3	11	0
Captain John Edie, late of the seventh do.,	212	0	0	12	14	4
William Killan, Matross of Artificers,	42	4	1	2	10	6
Matthias Flock, late a private in the German do.,	81	1	7	4	17	3
John Sullivan, private in the eleventh do.,	56	18	1	3	8	3
William Talbatt, Matross of Artillery do.,	68	0	10	4	1	7
William Short, private in the eleventh do.,	83	0	11	4	19	7
William Ferguson, Captain Artillery do.,	450	9	2	27	0	6
Michael Schmyeer, Captain in Flying Camp,	280	9	5	16	16	6
Henry Guiter, Matross in the Artillery,	28	9	3	1	14	1
Doctor Francis Allison, late sen'r Surg'n Gen'l Hosp'l,	328	4	0	19	13	9

The petition of David Hillyer and Joseph Johnstone, Serjeants of the Invalid corps, was read, and referred to the Comptroller General.

Ordered, On application of Mr. Wall, that Captain Stiles be directed to issue thirty compleat stand of arms to the Lieutenant of Bucks county, in lieu of the same number without bayonets deposited by the said Lieutenant with Captain Stiles.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to inform Council how much money has arisen from the sale of Province, now State Island, and the city lots, by whom paid, how much is still due, and by whom ?

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT :

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	James Potter,	Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Buyers,	
John McDowell,	John Van Campen,	
Sebastian Levan,		

Mr. Long, Mr J. Thomas, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Slagle, and Mr. Hartzel, a Committee of the House, in conference with Council upon the petition of Joseph Hart.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable John Byers, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, in full for his attendance in Council 'till the twenty-fifth instant, and mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT :

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John McDowell,	Esquires.
Sebastian Levan,	John Byres,	
John Piper,	John Van Campen,	
James Potter,		

The memorial of Major Michael Ryan, representing that on Thursday last, on his way from Virginia to this city, he was stopped in Chester by the Sheriff of that county, served with a casa and obliged to become responsible for a debt of forty pounds, contracted

by the commanding officer of a detachment of General then Colonel Wayne's regiment, for the accommodation of his troops, in the year 1776, was read, upon which Council determine that the proceedings against Major Ryan, who served upon the occasion in an inferior and accountable office, have been highly irregular, and that the Secretary be directed to inform the Attorney of Mr. Elisha Price, and the Clerk of the Court, that they expect some steps will be taken to bring this affair to a more equitable issue. It is their opinion, also, that all similar prosecution be staid.

The memorial of Josiah Harmer, Esquire, Lieutenant Colonel, was read.

Ordered, That a letter be written to the Agents of the county of Northumberland, inquiring into the cause of Colonel Harmer's disappointment, and whether there be any lands of a similar description in the said county, to satisfy his title.

Agreeably to the decree of the Supreme Court, an order was drawn in favor of Jane Roberts, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight pounds ten shillings and three pence, being the annual allowance for herself and two children, Elizabeth and Anne, with costs of suit for its recovery for three years, at seventy-five pounds per annum, ending the first day of April last.

A letter from Monsieur Marbois, inclosing a memorial from several French merchants, addressed to the General Assembly, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John McDowell,	} Esquires.
James Potter,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of fifteen pounds specie, in full of his account for the contingent expences of his office of Comptroller General.

Mr Penrose and Mr. Lilly, a committee of the General Assembly, attending in Council, a conference was held upon the subject of removing the Chevaux de frize, &ca., obstructions to the navigation of the river Delaware.

Ordered, That the Wardens of the port be informed that this subject is now under consideration, and that they be directed to communicate to Council the different proposals (if any) which they have received for removing the said obstructions.

The memorial of Ebenezer Allen, accompanied by a letter from the Assistant Secretary at War, was read, and referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court, who are requested to meet Council to-morrow morning eleven o'clock, at the State House.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John McDowell,	Esquires.
John Piper,	George Wall,	
James Potter,	John Van Campen,	
Sebastian Levan,		

Messieurs Whitehill and McPherson, a committee of the House attending in Council, a conference was held upon the inconsistency of the law respecting marriage licences.

The Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court attended in Council, agreeably to the request of Council of yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, August 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	James Potter,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,	Sebastian Levan,	

The following papers were delivered to the Clerk of the General Assembly:

Two letters from Monsieur Marbois, one inclosing a memorial from several French merchants to the General Assembly; the other on the subject of the D'Estaing's cargo.

One from the Minister of France, inclosing a memorial to him from the French merchants residing in this city.

One from Mr. Scott, Prothonotary of Washington county, in reply to several letters from Council upon the subject of the late communication from Virginia.

One from Mr. M'Gaughey, refusing the appointment of Excise officer for the county of Bedford.

Mr. Boyd, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Lilly, a committee of the House of Assembly, attending in Council, a conference was held upon the obstructions which have presented themselves to the execution of the law intitled "An Act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned, for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representatives; and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally at the end of the war."

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President

James Irvine, John Piper,
John McDowell, John Van Campen, } Esquires.
James Potter,

Mr. Jacks, Mr. Schmyser, and Mr. Carothers, a committee of the House of General Assembly, attending in Council, a conference was held upon the subject of providing a proper place for the sitting of the Council of Censors.

A letter from the commissioners of taxes for the county of Northampton, was read.

The following papers were this day transmitted to the House of Assembly by their committee: Mr. Nicholson's letter to Council on Colonel Marsteller's accounts, those which relate to Colonel Dean's purchase of a forfeited estate, and the account of Nixon, Nesbitt, and Fuller.

Upon the petition of John Wedburn, convicted of selling spirituous liquors, contrary to law, and the recommendation of the magistracy in his favor,

Ordered, That the fine of five pounds adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Wedburn, be remitted.

Upon the petition of Thomas Green, convicted of felony at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in April last for the county of York,

Ordered, That the cropping, which is a part of the punishment to which he has been sentenced by the court, be remitted.

The petition of William Nugent, was read and rejected.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of James Pollock and William Cochran, Esquires, late Sub-Lieutenants of the County of Washington, were read and approved.

An order was drawn in favour of John Leadom, upon the Treasurer of the State, for the sum of two pounds three shillings and eight pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full of his account against the State for one bull, furnished by him for the use of the public, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report.

The Comptroller General's report upon the accounts of John Hart, Esquire, late Collector of Excise for the county Bucks, was read and approved, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of one pound sixteen shillings and eight pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the ballance due to the said Hart.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, August 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, John McDowell, George Wall, Jun'r, } Esquires.

A report of the Committee upon the subject of Governor Harrison's letters, read and adopted by the House of Assembly, was transmitted to Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Broyle, for twenty-three dollars specie, in full of his bounty as a soldier, inlisted in the year 1778, to be paid out of the money arising from the class tax appropriated for the recruiting service.

Upon the communications of William Moore, Esquire.

Ordered, That Mr. Benjamin Shoemaker be authorized to receive from his father, Samuel Shoemaker, all such papers, monies, &ca., &ca , as he may be possessed of, the property of the late corporation of this city, and that he, Mr. Benjamin Shoemaker, be requested to forward them to this Board as soon as possible.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Archibald M'Clean, Esquire, for the sum of thirty-one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence State money of the seventh of April, 1781, advanced by him to Major James Moore of the Pennsylvania line, for the recruiting service; and that the Comptroller General be directed to deduct the sum aforesaid from the depreciation certificates due to Major Moore.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Potts, for the sum of fifty-three pounds one shilling and one penny, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full of his account of principal and interest due on the price of a horse, furnished for the use of the public, agreeably to the Comptroller Gen'ls report.

The Comptroller General's report upon the recruiting account of Captain William Vanlear, was read and approved, and an order drawn for the sum of ten shillings and six pence specie, being the ballance due to Captian Vanlear, to be paid out of the recruiting fund.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John M'Dowell, John Van Campen, George Wall, Jun'r, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Messieurs Bedford and Nevil, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of carrying on the repairs of the pest houses on State Island.

The petition of David Welgar was referred to the General Assembly.

The papers relating to the purchase of a part of Hogg Island, were transmitted by the Secretary to the General Assembly, with a verbal message, that it was the unanimous sense of Council that as that part of the island which was sold by the Agents of Chester County to the officers of the Pennsylvania line, is in some instances insufficient to satisfy their claims, and as in others the right of the State is contested, it becomes the opinion of Council that the land should continue to be the property of the State, and that the certificates should be restored to the officers.

Ordered, On application of Ephraim Blaine for a patent in right of James Wood, of the county of Cumberland.

Ordered, That no deed be given till Council have some proper assurances that the purchase money paid by the said Woods, has not been restored to him by Gideon Richey, agreeably to a resolution of Council, dated on June the eleventh, 1782.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as

computed by him, to be paid out of the money arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Percifor Frazier, Esq'r, late Lieutenant Colonel of 5th reg't,	£226 13 9	13 11 11
Richard Keenachan, private of the fourth do.,	56 3 9	3 7 4
Jacob Humphrey, Captain, late of the sixth do.,	333 9 5	20 0 1
Lieutenant Wilder Bevins of the fourth do.,	145 19 2	8 15 1
George Utz, late private of the sixth do.,	58 4 1	3 9 9
George Williams, late private of the eleventh do.,	54 2 6	3 4 10
Samuel Lindsay, late a Lieutenant of Flying Camp,	55 6 5	3 6 4
Frederick Vernon, Major of the eighth do.,	230 13 7	13 19 6
Hon'ble Major Gen'l Arthur Sinclair,	462 5 7	6 0 0
Daniel Sinclair, Lieutenant in the third regiment,	232 8 7	13 18 9
Thomas B. Bowen, Captain in the fifth do.,	333 6 8	20 0 0
Francis Mentzges, Colonel in the third do.,	140 4 10	8 8 2
Isaac Shymer, late Lieutenant in Flying Camp,	345 13 8	20 14 9
John Welsh, late private of the fifth regiment,	56 5 6	3 7 5
John Clarke, late private of the first do.,	41 4 7	2 9 5
Frederick Dietz, Executor of John Camp, late private in the tenth do ,	81 8 8	4 17 8
Caspar Ebenor, late Drummer in the Artillery do.,	45 5 5	2 14 3

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John M'Dowell,	Esquires.
John Piper,	George Wall, Junior,	
John Van Campen,		

On a return made agreeably to law, John Miller, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John M'Dowell, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-nine pounds seven shillings and six pence specie, in full for his attendance in Council till the thirty-first of July, 1783, and his mileage.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of fifteen pounds ten shillings, in full of his account of wages as Doorkeeper till the thirty-first day of August, 1783, inclusively.

Mr. M'Dowell attended the President as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	George Wall, Junior,	Esquires.
John Van Campen,	Sebastian Levan,	

A letter from Brigadier General William Irvine of Fort Pitt, was read.

Two memorials were read, the one from the officers of the Pennsylvania line, and the other from the officers of the State Gallies.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Sebastian Levan, for the sum of sixty-six pounds specie, in full for his attendance in Council and his mileage, till the first instant, inclusively.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.
John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, }

A letter from Lieutenant Andrew Robeson, stating the loss of his commission, & praying its renewal, was read.

Ordered, That the Secretary at War be informed of these facts, and that a commission be requested for Mr. Robeson.

The Council met.

Thursday, September 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.
John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, }

A minute of the House was transmitted to this Board and read,

Ordered, In consequence, that the Attorney General be directed to prosecute Mr. Curtis Grubb, a delinquent member.

Ordered, That Messieurs Lukens, Rittenhouse and Ewing, be requested to meet Council to-morrow.

The Council met.

Friday, September 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, }
John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.
John M'Dowell, John Piper, }

A letter of instructions to Captains Robinson and Schrawder, was read & approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for the purpose of discharge of the one-third part of the depreciation due to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line; he to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r,
John Van Campen, John Piper, } Esquires.
John M'Dowell, Dorsey Pentecost,

The reports of the Comptroller General in favour of the following officers & soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the money arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.	Interest.
Patrick Connolly, private in the eleventh regiment,	£55 6 5	3 6 4
George Lindersmith, Corporal in the tenth do.,	57 19 3	3 9 5
James Caruthers, private in the fifth do.,	61 10 4	3 13 9
Edward Callaghan, Matross in the Artillery,	73 11 4	4 8 3
John D Mounty, do. do. Artificers,	26 10 4	1 11 9
Christian King, Corporal, in the fifth regiment,	67 3 0	4 0 6
Lieutenant Andrew Robinson, of the eleventh do.,	345 13 9	20 14 9
David Alsbough, late private of the second do.,	43 2 5	2 11 8
James Halfpenny, private in the German do,,	59 1 7	3 10 9
Michael Hess, do. do..	59 11 7	3 11 4
Robert Gorrell, do. sixth do.,	85 3 1	5 2 2
Yost Borgar, do. first do.,	59 3 1	3 11 0
James Robinson, Corporal eleventh do.,	51 6 5	3 1 6
Captain John Stotesbury, of the sixth do.,	330 5 0	19 16 3
James Carter, Matross of Artillery do.,	76 10 11	4 11 9

	Principal.			Interest.		
Caspar Waggoner, late private in the German do.,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Patrick Lafferty, do. 10th regiment, dec'd, Catharine Knight, his administratrix,	57	3	1	3	8	6
Major Thomas Ll'd Moore, of the fifth do.,	420	16	10	25	4	11
Nicholas Bittinger, late Captain Flying Camp,	147	3	0	8	16	6
Andrew Walker, Captain in the second regiment,	314	4	5	18	16	11
Ludwick Warner, late private in the sixth do.,	46	5	7	2	15	5
Samuel M'Caslin, father and administrator of James M'Caslin, late private in the 10th reg't, deceased,	10	11	4	0	12	7
Richard Calgan, private late of the said regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Adam Garrick, late Matross in the Artillery Artif'rs,	71	10	5	4	5	9
William Rodman, late of the ninth regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Major James Moore, of the first do.,	379	5	5½	22	15	0
John Harper, Lieutenant late of the fifth do.,	300	0	0	18	0	0
Henry D. Purcell, late Lieutenant second do.,	124	0	0	7	8	9
De Marcellin, Ensign of the do. do.,	33	4	3	1	19	9
Ensign Le Roy, do. do. do.,	31	19	3	1	18	9
Zacharias Shugart, Lieutenant late of Flying Camp,	345	11	2	20	14	7

A letter to General Carleton, inclosing copies of proclamations and certificates of indictment and outlawry, under the seal of the State, was read and approved.

A letter to Governor Livingston, requesting his assistance in promoting the design of the above-mentioned papers, and a letter of instructions to Captain Elijah Weed, to whom the management of this business is committed, were read and approved,

The Comptroller's reports upon the accounts of Jacob Heller and Anthony Learch, for halling done for the State, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the sum of seven pounds ten shillings specie, in favor of the former, and one other order drawn for the sum of five pounds specie, in favor of the latter, on the Treasurer of the State.

Note.—That these orders passed in the name of John Van Campen, Esquire, who is to render an account to the Comptroller General.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
Dorsey Pentecost,	John McDowell,	
Sebastian Levan,	John Van Campen,	

A letter from the Delegates of this State in Congress, inclosing a copy of Mr. Ephraim Douglass's report to the Secretary at War, with some other papers relating to his late Indian Agency, was read.

A state of the payments made into the Treasury by the several States in consequence of the requisitions of Congress for the year 1782, was also transmitted to this Board.

Mr. Edward Fox and Mr. Joseph Bender, the first appointed a Commissioner for adjusting the accounts of the Hospital department, the other appointed a Commissioner for the settlement of accounts in the Cloathing department, attended in Council, the oaths of qualification were administered, agreeably to law.

A petition from James Jacks, Esquire, praying to be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court of the county of Lancaster, was read, and postponed for consideration.

A resolve of the House of Assembly, appointing James Jacks, Esquire, a Recorder of Deeds and Register of the Probate of Wills, and granting letters of administration for the county of Lancaster, was read, and commissions were issued accordingly.

Upon the petition of Conrad Nell, convicted of fornication in the county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State be remitted.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John M'Dowell,	Esquires.
John Van Campen,	George Wall, Junior,	
John Piper,	Sebastian Levan,	

The petition of James Jacks, Esquire, presented on yesterday, was withdrawn.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the accounts of Abraham Scott, Captain John M'Clellan, John Tyler and Robert Traill, Esquire, were read and approved.

A letter from the Minister of France, inclosing a memorial to the General Assembly from Captain Ore, was read; and

Ordered, To be transmitted to the House.

A letter from the President of Congress, inclosing a resolution of the twenty-first ultimo, was read.

The following messages to the General Assembly upon the memorials of the officers of the Pennsylvania line and the State Navy, were read and approved.

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—Having lately received the inclosed memorial from the officers of the Pennsylvania line, we think it our duty immediately to communicate it to our Honorable House.

When we consider that the commutation of five years full pay in lieu of the half pay for life, for which last the faith of the State has been pledged, and the payment of the other debts due by the United States may be assured by this State, without interrupting or weakening any Fœderal measures for accomplishing these just and reasonable contracts, and the satisfaction that would thereby be given to our fellow citizens, now to be dismissed under many disadvantages from the service to which they have so long devoted themselves, we cannot but sincerely wish that they, together with the deranged officers, may obtain the solicited confirmation of rights which they all so generously consent to have abridged.

We hope the attention of your Honorable House is already so far engaged in making regulations concerning certificates, that all the inconveniences complained of, relating to their transferr and authentication, will be removed.

Adverting to the subjects brought into view by the following part of the memorial, we are made painfully to comprehend the full force of that affecting expression of the Commander-in-Chief, when in his late letter to Congress he says, "the sensibility occasioned by a parting scene under such peculiar circumstances, will not admit of description."

Humanity, Justice and Gratitude enforce the application; and tho' we cannot venture to point out the mode of affording relief, our most earnest desire is that it may be granted, in such manner as in your wisdom shall be best approved, and early enough to prevent the distresses now threatening to overwhelm men who, in fact, are become liable to them by having for such a period of years, so greatly contributed to defend their country from destruction.

To the honor of the good people of this State, it may be added, that there can be no doubt, but that such a measure will give them the sincerest satisfaction.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Council Chamber, Philadelphia, 9th September, 1783.

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN :—The inclosed memorial of the officers late of the State Navy, mentions the particular circumstances on which their request is founded. Considering the public acts to which they refer, and their merits, we hope and trust that their application will appear to your Honorable House as just and reasonable as it does to us, and that therefore, it will be attended with the desired success.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Council Chamber, Philad'a, September 9th, 1783.

And the same were presented by the Secretary to the Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.

A letter from the Comptroller General of this day, was read and referred to the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the President.

The Honorable the Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, Dorsey Pentecost, John McDowell, John Piper, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Hon'ble Richard Peters, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred pounds, in part of his pay as a delegate from this State to Congress, for which he is to account.

A return of Justices elected for the north-west and south-east districts of Wyoming, in Northumberland county, was read; upon which, and agreeably to a late act of Assembly intitled "An Act to prevent and stay suits from being brought against the inhabitants of Wyoming," &ca., Alexander Patterson and John Seely,

David Mead and John Martin, were commissioned Justices of the Peace for the county of Northumberland.

Alexander Patterson, Esquire, appearing in Council, took the oaths of qualification prescribed by the Constitution.

A dedimus potestatum was issued to Alexander Patterson and Samuel Hunter, Esquires, or either of them, to administer the oaths or affirmations to the Justices this day appointed.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of this day:

In favor of Nicholas Stahler, for the sum of forty-seven pounds eight shillings, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being in full of his account of principal and interest for a horse furnished for the use of the public.

In favour of Jacob Stahl, for the sum of fifty-nine pounds five shillings, like money, being in full of his account of principal and interest for a horse furnished for the use of the public.

In favor of Aaron Levy, for four pounds two shillings and one penny, in like money, in full of his account of principal and interest for cattle furnished by Thomas Gaskins for public use.

In favor of Frederick Antes, Esquire, for one pound one shilling and nine pence, in like money, in part of John McHenry's account of provisions furnished for public use.

In favor of John McHenry, for the sum of six pounds and nine pence, in like money, in full of his account of provisions furnished for public use.

Two orders in favor of James Jenkins, the one for eight pounds eight shillings and eight pence, the other for twenty-four pounds two shillings, in like money, in full of his account for flour and provisions furnished for the use of the public.

The whole of these orders to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly dated on the eighth of April, 1782.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, Dorsey Pentecost, John Piper, Sebastian Levan, John Van Campen, George Wall, } Esquires.

Agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly of the tenth inst.,

Resolved, That the Attorney General be directed to institute actions against Charles Cessna, of Bedford county, late a member of the House, for forgery and perjury.

Reuben Skinner, Esquire, was this day commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bedford, upon a return made agreeably to law.

Upon the following resolution of the General Assembly,

Resolved, That as many of the objections which have hitherto prevented the determination of the boundary line between this Commonwealth and the State of Virginia are now removed, it becomes necessary to close that business with all possible accuracy and dispatch; that to effect this, four Commissioners shall be immediately appointed, with directions to provide the necessary astronomical apparatus, and to correspond with those appointed by the State of Virginia, for the same purpose.

And that the Reverend John Ewing, Doctor of Divinity and Provost of the University of Philadelphia, David Rittenhouse, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, John Lukens, Esquire, Surveyor General of the State, and Thomas Hutchins, Esquire, be appointed to this duty.

"In General Assembly,
Philadelphia, August 28th, 1783.

"The report of the committee read August the twenty-seventh inst., on the subject of Governor Harrison's letters, was read the second time and adopted, as follows, vizt:

"Your committee to whom was referred the consideration of Governor Harrison's letters of the twelfth of June and twenty-third of July last, wherein it appears that complaint hath been made to the Executive of the State of Virginia, by a number of the inhabitants of that tract of country which falls (by the extension of the temporary line betwixt the two States) within the bounds of this State; that the conditions upon which the said line was acceded to have been departed from by this State, and measures adopted which deprive them of those rights which they held under the State of Virginia, and fully confirmed in the agreement entered into by both States previously to the running the aforesaid temporary line; also, that prosecutions were commenced and judgment awarded against the officers of the militia, for obeying the orders of that State previous to the running said line, whereby the late citizens of that State are harrassed and oppressed with expence for performing the service which they owed to their country; duly considering the substance of the foregoing complaints, together with the report of the Prothonotary of Washington county, who was directed by the Executive of this State, to inquire fully into the aforesaid premises, beg leave to report:

"That the foregoing complaints are groundless with respect to any infringements having been made on the title of any lands acquired under the State of Virginia, and that any suits that were instituted against Lieutenant Colonel Cox, and others, were owing

to their imprudent conduct in executing orders that were issued by that State subsequent to the agreement entered into by this and the State of Virginia, notwithstanding in the trial of the said suit the said Colonel Coxe was acquitted, on paying the Clerk's fees only.

"Your committee further considering that part of Governor Harrison's letter, wherein he proposes running the boundary line between this and the State of Virginia, as agreed upon by the Commissioners at Baltimore, in the year 1779, and taking into view the unhappy situation of the good citizens of this State settled in Washington county, &ca., and the evil consequences that may attend delay in matters of such importance, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Supreme Executive Council be directed to correspond with the Executive of Virginia, upon the subject of fixing the mode and the most convenient time for establishing finally the boundary line betwixt that and this State; and that they be authorized immediately to appoint commissioners on the part of this State, who in conjunction with those to be appointed by the State of Virginia, shall run the said line, this House being sincerely disposed finally to ascertain the boundary between the two States as speedily as possible."

A deed was examined and signed by the President, to Colonel Francis Murray, conveying a tract of land situate in Plumstead township, in the county of Bucks, containing one hundred and eight acres and one hundred and nine perches: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate of Joseph Doan, an attainted traytor, for the sum of four hundred and forty pounds eight shillings specie. Deed dated the eleventh of September, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,	Esquires.
John Piper,	George Wall,	
Sebastian Levan,		

A letter from the Honorable John Buyers, Esquire, inclosing a letter of information from Brigadier General William Irvine, was read.

Ordered, That the delegates from this State to Congress be furnished with an extract of such parts of the General's letter as relate to public service.

Passes were granted to Major William Hart and Mr. James Hart, of the county of Bucks, to go into the States of Maryland and Virginia and the States more southern, if they think proper, and to return.

Note.—No fees rec'd.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, John Piper,
John Van Campen, John M'Dowell, } Esquires.
Dorsey Pentecost,

The following proclamation was read, and agreed to, viz't:

By the President and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, intitled "An Act to encourage the speedy apprehending and bringing to justice divers robbers, burglars and felons," reciting that "Whereas, Caleb Paul, John Paul, Robert Steel, Aaron Doan, Mahlin Doan, Eward Connard, Henry Connard, Jeremiah Cooper, Amos White, Joseph Doan, Abraham Doan, Levi Doan and George Sinclare, have been duly attainted, by outlawry, in the Supreme Court of this State, of several robberies, burglaries and felonies, by them committed within the same; notwithstanding which attainders they continue to perpetrate the like offences, to the great disquiet, terror and impoverishing of many of the good citizens of this Commonwealth: And whereas, Gideon Vernon, Thomas Bulla, Amos Williams, Edward Richardson and George Burns, are suspected and charged, and it appears to the Legislature that there is good cause to suspect and charge them, and every of them, with being accomplices in the aforesaid robberies, burglaries and felonies; which crimes might be, in a great measure, prevented in future, and the said offenders be speedily brought to justice, if due encouragement be given to such as shall vigorously endeavour the apprehending the said malefactors, and some severe punishment inflicted on such as shall hereafter receive or buy money or goods by them or any of them stolen, knowing the same to be so, or shall receive, relieve, harbour, comfort or assist the said offenders, or any of them."

It was, therefore, enacted in the words following to wit: "That from and after the publication of this act, all and every person and persons, who shall apprehend and take the aforesaid Caleb Paul, John Paul, Robert Steel, Aaron Doan, Mahlin Doan, Edward Connard, Henry Connard, Jeremiah Cooper, Amos White, Joseph Doan, Abraham Doan, Levi Doan, George Sinclare, Gideon Vernon, Thomas Bulla, Amos Williams, Edward Richardson and George Burns, or any of them, and deliver them or him to the Sheriff of any county in this State, in the common gaol of the same county, or to the keeper of any gaol there, and obtain a certificate thereof from such Sheriff or Gaoler, which one of them is hereby authorized and required to give upon such delivery, shall, on producing the said certificate to the President or Vice President in Council, the same being countersigned by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, or any two Justices of the Peace, receive an order on the Treasurer for the sum of three hundred pounds for each and every of the persons aforesaid so taken and delivered; and the Sheriff and Gaoler are hereby impowered and required, without any mittimus or other authority, to receive the said offender or offenders so delivered in such gaol, and them or him to keep safe, until thence discharged by due course of law, under penalty of being punished as for a wilful escape of a capital felon, and in case any dispute shall happen to arise between the persons so apprehending, taking and delivering the said offenders, touching the right and title to the said reward, that then the said Judge or Justices so respectively countersigning as aforesaid, shall, together with the said certificate, direct, in writing, under his or their hands, the said reward to be paid to and amongst the parties claiming the same, in such shares and proportions as to the said Judge or Justices shall seem just and reasonable; that if any of the offenders herein before named, or any other person who has committed any robbery or burglary, being out of prison, shall, from and after the publication of this act, apprehend and take, and cause to be delivered as aforesaid, two or more of the said persons before named, who have been outlawed as aforesaid, or two or more of the persons herein before last named, so as two or more of the persons last named shall be convicted of any robbery or burglary, the person so apprehending and delivering in the first case, and so apprehending and prosecuting to conviction in the second case, shall himself have the reward and allowance of one hundred pounds, upon producing to the President or Vice President in Council, a certificate signed and countersigned as before mentioned, together also with a pardon of all robberies, burglaries and other offences not capital, by him committed at any time or times before such apprehending and taking, if the Supreme Executive Council of this State shall think it advisable by their proclamation to promise the same, which pardon shall be likewise a good bar to any appeal brought for such robbery or burglary."

We do hereby declare and promise, that if any of the offenders herein before named, or any other person who has committed any robbery or burglary, being out of prison, who shall apprehend and take, and cause to be delivered as aforesaid, two or more of the persons before named, who have been outlawed as aforesaid, or two or more of the other persons herein before last named, so as two or more of the persons last named shall be convicted of any robbery or burglary, the person so apprehending and delivering in the first case, and so apprehending and prosecuting to conviction in the second case, shall himself have the reward and allowance of one hundred pounds specie, upon producing to the President or Vice President in Council, a certificate, signed and counter-signed as aforesaid, together also with a pardon of all robberies and burglaries, and of all other offences, not capital, by him committed at any time or times before such apprehending and taking.

And Whereas, By the said act it was further enacted in the words following, to wit: "That if any person or persons shall discover any one or more persons, who from and after the publication of this act, shall have received money, goods, or chattles, that have been or shall be feloniously taken or stolen by the offenders herein before named, from any other person, knowing the same to be so, or shall discover any person or persons who shall receive, relieve, harbour, comfort, or assist the said offenders, or any of them, knowing them to be such, so as he, she or they, so discovered, shall be convicted of either of the said offences, any such discoverer shall have a reward of fifty pounds; and that the Judges before whom such offender shall be convicted as aforesaid, or one of them, shall determine and settle the rights and shares of such respective persons who shall be intitled to the said reward, and give a certificate thereof (being thereunto required) to the person or persons so intitled thereunto, who thereupon shall, on application to the President or Vice President in Council, receive an order on the Treasurer of the State, for the aforesaid reward. That in case any person or persons shall happen to be killed or wounded, so as to lose an eye, or the use of any limb, in apprehending or in making pursuit after such robbers, burglars, felons, receivers of stolen money, or goods, or receivers, harbourers, comforters of such robbers or burglars, on proof thereof, at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery, for the county where the same shall happen, the Justices, or three of them, shall give a certificate thereof to the Executor or Administrator of the person so killed, or to the person so wounded, which shall intitle them, on application to the President or Vice President in Council, to receive an order on the Treasurer of the State, if killed, for the sum of three hundred pounds, and if wounded as aforesaid, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds. That if any of the offenders herein before named, shall resist any person or persons endeavour-

ing to arrest or imprison him, and he, so making resistance, shall happen to be killed, or if any of them shall fly from any person or persons endeavouring to apprehend him, and in the pursuit the said party so flying shall be killed, where he cannot be otherwise overtaken, he or they so killing shall be, and hereby are justified; and in case any prosecution shall be commenced against any person or persons for the same, he or they, may thereto plead the general issue, and give this act in evidence; and moreover, he or they so killing any of the before named offenders, (on proof thereof, made at any Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery for the county where such killing shall happen, and the same being certified by the Justices, or any three of them, who are hereby authorised and required to certify the same,) shall, on producing such certificate to the President or Vice President in Council, receive an order on the Treasurer of the State for the sum of three hundred pounds. That if any person or persons shall be called on by any Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, or his Deputy, any Militia officer, Constable, or person robbed, to go in pursuit of either of the said felons or offenders, their aiders and abettors, harbourers or concealers, and shall refuse, he or they severally, on conviction before any Justice of the Peace where he or they shall reside, shall pay a fine of five pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, to be recovered as debts of five pounds and under are recoverable by law.

We do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables, to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours, and all other persons, when called upon as aforesaid, to give their assistance for apprehending and securing the aforesaid felons or offenders, their aiders, abettors, and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON,

Attest:—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Junior, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Ordered, That the foregoing proclamation be published.

The Comptroller's report upon the accounts of Joshua Elder, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster, was read and approved.

The Comptroller's report upon the recruiting account of Lieutenant James McFarland was read and approved, and an order drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. McFarland, for the sum of fourteen shillings and eight pence specie, being the ballance due to him upon settlement; to be paid out of the recruiting fund.

Upon re-considering the case of Isaac Pyle, sentenced to a fine of fifteen pounds, upon conviction of misdemeanor,

Ordered, That the said fine be remitted.

Upon re-considering the case of Martin Urner, convicted of a misdemeanor, and sentenced to a fine of seventy-five pounds for the use of the State,

Ordered, That the farther sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, in addition to a late remission of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, be remitted.

An agreement between his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, in behalf of the State, on the one part, and Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, for himself, on the other part, leasing the meadow ground on Mud Island to the said Brannon, on certain conditions mentioned in the said agreement, was this morning executed in Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Dorsey Penticost,
John McDowell, Christopher Hayes,
John Van Campen, John Piper,
Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The Comptroller's reports upon the accounts of James Chapman, and Caleb Davis, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Chester, were read and approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Tyler, for the sum of seventeen pounds one shilling and eight pence specie, being the ballance of his account against the State for the repair of arms, agreeably to the Comptroller's report of the eighth instant, to be paid out of the monies arising from militia fines in the county of Northampton.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, Dorsey Penticost, John Piper, John Van Campen, John McDowell, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of fifty pounds specie, on account of his salary as Judge in the Court of Admiralty, and in the Admiralty Sessions for this State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Sebastian Levan, John McDowell, Christopher Hayes, Dorsey Penticost, John Van Campen, John Piper.

The Comptroller's report on the accounts of Matlack, Ross and Slagle, & of Mr. Swoope, were read and approved.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of George Schlosser were read and approved, and an order drawn in favor of the said Schlosser, for the sum of sixty pounds specie, in full for his services in superintending the sale of city lots.

Upon a return made agreeably to law, John Hughes, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland

The following message was read and agreed to, vizt:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—By an act of Assembly, passed the twentieth day of February, 1736, it is enacted, "that the part of the State House lot not built upon, should remain a public green and walks forever."

The execution of that law would be reputable to the State, particularly useful to the inhabitants of this city, very agreeable to strangers, and might be effected, we believe, with little expence to the public.

We, therefore, wish your honorable House would be pleased fully to authorize the laying out the ground according to the original design.

JOHN DICKINSON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philadelphia, September 17th, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.
The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Christopher Hayes,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	John Piper,	
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Penticost,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Ephraim Hunter and Thomas Gold, for seven pounds eleven shillings and seven pence specie, being a reward allowed by proclamation of Council, dated the twenty-fifth day of March, 1780, for apprehending and securing William Nugent, upon a certificate from the Sheriff of York county, of his delivery by the said persons.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.
The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Dorsey Pentecost,
John McDowell,	George Wall,
John Van Campen,	Christopher Hayes.

General Wilkinson and Mr. McClay, a committee of the General Assembly, attended in Council, and a conference was held upon the subject of procuring an armed force to be stationed at Wyoming.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,	Esquires.
John McDowell,	George Wall, Jun'r,	
John Van Campen,	Dorsey Pentecost,	

Upon the Comptroller General's reports, the following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation to officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, for which he is to account.

In favor of Alexander Brown, two orders, one for forty-two pounds fourteen shillings and two pence, and the other for forty-one pounds eight shillings and four pence, like money, being principal and interest due upon two certificates for two horses furnished by him for public use.

In favor of Alexander Dobbins, for forty-eight pounds ten shillings and three pence, in like money, being principal and interest due upon his certificate for a horse furnished for public use.

The sums mentioned in the two last orders to be paid agreeably to resolution of the Assembly of 8th of April, 1782.

In favor of Griffith Evans, for the sum of thirteen pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his wages for assisting the Comptroller General in the duties of his office, till the seventh instant.

In favor of Thomas Strawbridge, for ten pounds two shillings and five pence specie, ballance of his account as Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Chester, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Christopher Hayes,	Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
John Van Campen,		

Ordered, That the Health Officer be directed to purchase with the monies in his hands, three bolts of Osnabriggs, to be delivered

to the Steward of the hospitals on State Island, and made into bed-covers for the use of the sick at that place.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, vizt:

To Captain Jacob Bower, of the sixth regim't of the Pennsylvania line, for two tracts of land, situate on the heads of Upper Wappalapen creek, in Augusta township, in Northumberland county, containing together six hundred and thirty acres and one-quarter, and allowance for roads, late the estate of Christian Hook, an attainted traitor: Sold agreeably to law, for one hundred and ten pounds specie. Deed dated this day.

To Charles Gobin, for a tract of land containing one hundred and eighty-four acres and one hundred and twenty-eight perches of land, situate in Brunswick township, Berks county, late the estate of John Hester: Sold agreeably to law, for three hundred and ninety-seven pounds six shillings and eleven pence; one-fourth of which sum is reduced to a ground rent, payable to the trustees of the University of this State; the remaining three-fourths the said Charles Gobin hath paid to the Agents of said county. Deed dated twenty-fifth day of July, 1783.

To Jacob Morgan, Jun'r, for out-lot No. 6, near the town of Reading, in the county of Berks, late the estate of Alexander Stedman, an attainted traytor; subject to a ground rent of fifteen shillings sterling per annum, payable to the heirs or assigns of Richard Hockley, deceased. Consideration seven hundred pounds. Deed dated the thirty-first day of July, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Van Campen,	} Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Piper,	
John M'Dowell,	Dorsey Pentecost,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Penticost, Esquire, for thirty-one pounds fifteen shillings, in full for his attendance in Council till this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

A petition from divers of the militia of Newberry township, in the county of York, complaining of irregularities at the election for Militia officers in the sixth battalion of militia of the said county, was read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That the said petition and sundry depositions annexed, be referred to the Lieutenant of the county of York, to inquire into the facts therein stated, and take order agreeably to law.

A pass was granted to Peter Bouszack, to go to New York and to return.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, September 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Piper,
John Van Campen,	George Wall, Jun'r,
Dorsey Penticost,	Christopher Hayes.

Upon consideration,

Ordered, That Matthew Smith, Esquire, be dismissed from the office of Prothonotary of Northumberland county, and that to-morrow be assigned for the appointment of a successor.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of John Caruthers, Esquire, late Lieutenant of Cumberland county, was read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, September 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	John Van Campen,	Esquires.
John M'Dowell,	George Wall,	
John Piper,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
Sebastian Levan,		

An order drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. James Stevenson, for the sum of thirty pounds specie, agreeably to a resolution of Assembly dated on the twenty-third instant, inclusively, of the ballance due to him upon the settlement of the accounts as Auditors of the State.

Agreeably to a resolution of Assembly of the twenty-second instant, Council proceeded to the election of one field officer, two captains, and four subalterns of the Pennsylvania line, for the purpose of commanding the two companies of State troops provided for by the said resolution. Upon which, (the votes being taken,) it appeared that James Moore, Esquire, was appointed Major; James Chrystie and Philip Schrawder, Esquires, Captains; Blackall, William Ball, John Armstrong, Samuel Reid, and Andrew Henderson, Esquires, Lieutenants.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Lieutenant Erb, for the sum of three hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of discharging the contracts entered into by Captain Schrawder, for the supply of the Wyoming garrison, he, Lieutenant Erb, to be accountable; to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

Resolved, That Mr. Erb be directed to use all possible dispatch in proceeding to Wyoming with the aforesaid sum.

Letters from Daniel Montgomery, Samuel J. Atlee, and Lawrence Keene, Esquires, respectively, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the county of Northumberland, were read; upon which, agreeably to the order of yesterday, Council proceeded to the election of a person to succeed Matthew Smith, Esquire, in that office; and upon the votes being taken, it appeared that Lawrence Keene, Esquire, was duly elected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine,	Sebastian Levan,	Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r,	Dorsey Pentecost,	
John Van Campen,	Christopher Hayes,	

A letter of the twenty-fifth instant, from the delegates of this State, inclosing a proclamation of Congress, and a copy of their resolves respecting the cession of Virginia, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John McDowell, John Van Campen, Dorsey Pentecost, & Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.

Ordered, That Mr. William McClay be requested to take early measures for removing the State military stores from Harris's Ferry to the town of Sunbury, and to make immediate report of their quantity and kind to this Board.

Ordered, That the bond of Mr. Cadwallader Morris and the late James Hamilton, Esquire, as securities of William Hamilton, be cancelled.

A letter from William McCleery, Esquire, inclosing a memorial to this Board, was read.

A draught of instructions to Major James Moore, was read and approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Carothers, Esquire, late Lieutenant of the county of Cumberland, for the sum of one hundred and one pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence specie, being the ballance of his account as Lieutenant, to be paid out of the money arising from the militia fines of the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the said John Carothers, for the sum of fifteen pounds, being a debt assumed by the said Carothers to Charles Cooper, for sundry articles furnished for public use; to be paid out of the same fund as the above order.

The following orders were also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Christopher Kucher, Esq'r, for the sum of thirteen pounds nine shillings and two pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the ballance due upon the settlement of his account as Sub-Lieutenant of Lancaster county; to be paid out of the fund arising from the militia fines in the said county.

In favor of James Smith, Esquire, for two thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds nine shillings and two pence specie, ballance of his account for provisions furnished to Samuel Lyon, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases, for public use; to be paid, according to the resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-fourth instant, out of the duties which have arisen by the late impost laws, and not then appropriated.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John Piper, Dorsey Pentecost, Christopher Hayes, & George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, John Van Campen, } Esq'rs.

A letter from the Trustees of Westmoreland county, pointing out Hanna's town as the most convenient place for holding Courts of Judicature for the said county, was read.

A letter from Captain Robinson, inclosing a muster roll of his company and a return of ordnance stores at Wyoming, was read.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Robinson, for the sum of one hundred pounds specie, on account of the pay of himself and company; to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the defence of the frontiers.

A return of Justices elected for the town of Pittsburg, and a letter stating the particular circumstances of some of the gentlemen chosen, was read.

The following orders were drawn upon the Treasurer of the State, to wit:

In favor of Isaac Jackson, for forty pounds eleven shillings and six pence State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full of principal & interest for a horse furnished by him for public purposes.

In favor of Major James Moore, for the sum of two hundred pounds specie, out of the fund which has arisen by the late impost laws, for the purpose of recruiting two companies of Infantry to be stationed at Wyoming, agreeably to resolution of Assembly of 22nd of September, 1783.

In favor of Major General Arthur St. Clair, for the sum of four hundred and fifteen dollars specie, in part of pay due to him, advanced agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-second day of September, 1783.

A letter from the Honorable the delegates of Pennsylvania, inclosing a report of a committee of Congress on Indian affairs, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, September 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John Piper, Dorsey Pentecost, Christopher Hayes, John Van Campen.

Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Westmoreland, upon return made agreeably to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Piper, John Van Campen.

An order was drawn in favor of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds four shillings and six pence specie, in full for his wages as Doorkeeper, for the month of September, 1783, and cash paid for news papers.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Piper, John Van Campen, Sebastian Levan, Christopher Hayes, & Dorsey Pentecost, } Esq'rs.

An order was drawn on Frederick Phile, Esquire, Naval officer, in favor of Major James Moore, for one hundred pounds of the fund which has arisen by the late impost laws, agreeably to resolution of General Assembly of twenty-second of September, for the

purpose of recruiting and equipping two companies of Infantry, to be stationed at Wyoming.

The Comptroller General's reports upon the following accounts, were read & approved.

Upon the account of Robert Levers, Esquire, of tavern and marriage licences, issued by him as Prothonotary of Northampton county.

Upon the account of Daniel Levan, Junior, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Berks, for tavern and marriage licences, and the tax upon writs.

Upon the account of Archibald M'Clean, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of York, for tavern and marriage licences, fines and forfeitures.

Upon the account of John Agnew, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Cumberland, for tavern and marriage licences issued by him.

Upon the account of John Hubley, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, for tavern and marriage licences issued by him.

Upon the account of Jacob Barnitz, Collector of Excise in York county.

Upon the account of David Deshler, Esquire, for money due to him by the State.

Two deeds were examined and signed by His Excellency the President, to James Woods, conveying two tracts of land formerly in Cumberland county, now in the county of Bedford; one containing fourteen hundred and ninety-seven acres & allowance, sold for two thousand and five pounds, two miles above Frankstown. The other adjoining the above on the middle branch of Juniata, sold agreeably to law, for one hundred and seventy pounds, containing three hundred and twenty-three acres, late the estate of Harvy Gordon, an attainted traitor, forfeited to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Deeds dated the second of October, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, and George Wall, Jr., Dorsey Pentecost, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable John Piper, Esquire, for fifty pounds five shillings specie, in full for his wages as Councillor 'till the seventh instant, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Piper, John Van Campen, Dorsey Penticost, Christopher Hayes, } Esquires.

A letter of the second instant, from the Honorable Delegates of Pennsylvania in Congress, inclosing a letter from his Excellency John Adams, Esquire, dated July 18th, 1783, at Paris; also an explanation of the medal lately presented by them; and proceedings of Congress on Indian affairs; was received and read.

Agreed, that on Monday next Council proceed to the appointment of a Prothonotary for the county of Fayette.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Van Campen, John Piper, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

Petitions from Dorsey Pentecost, Ephraim Douglass, Alexander McClean, and Joseph McCleery, Esquires, respectively, praying to be appointed Prothonotary of the county of Fayette, were read, upon which, agreeably to the order of Saturday, Council proceeded to the election of a Prothonotary of the county aforesaid, and on the votes being taken, it appeared that Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, was duly elected.

The Comptroller General's reports on the following accounts were read and approved, vizt:

Upon the account of Francis Bailey, for printing work done by order of Council, fourteen copies of the new editions of the laws neatly bound, and four copies of the Constitutions of the several States, also bound, furnished for public use.

Upon the account of John Chambers, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of Northampton county, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of fifty-eight pounds thirteen shillings and six pence specie, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines in the said county.

Upon the account of Francis Bailey, for printing work done for the office of the Comptroller General.

Upon the account of Doctor Gerardus Clarkson, for medicine furnished to a Serjeant of Proctor's regiment.

An order was drawn on the Naval Officer in favor of Major James Moore, for six hundred pounds specie, out of the duties which have arisen by the late impost laws, agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly dated the twenty-second day of September, 1783, for the purpose of recruiting two companies of Infantry, to be stationed at Wyoming.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for seven hundred and fifty pounds, State money of the seventh day of April, 1781, for paying one-third of depreciation to the Pennsylvania line, agreeably to act of Assembly passed the thirteenth of April, 1782, said Comptroller to account.

The Honorable Dorsey Penticost, Esquire, sent in a resignation of his seat at this Board, which was read and accepted.

A letter from the Senate of Hamburgh, and sundry papers inclosed, respecting the ship Else Catharina, were received and read, and the same were ordered to be sent to the Naval Officer to report to Council the circumstances attending the said vessel.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Christopher Hayes, George Wall, John Van Campen, John Piper, } Esquires.

The following reports from the Comptroller General were read and approved:

Upon the accounts of John Weitzle, Esq'r, late Lieutenant of the county of North'n.

Upon the account of William Lyon, Esq'r, for his services in purchasing blankets for the army, and as Commissioner for auditing accounts of Lieutenant and Sub-Lieutenants of Cumberland county.

Upon the accounts of Thomas Scott, Esquire, Prothonotary of Washington county, for tax arising from writs in said county.

Upon the account of William Lyon, Esquire, Prothonotary of Cumberland county, for tax arising from writs in said county.

Upon the account of John Hubley, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, for tax arising from writs in said county.

Upon the account of the said John Hubley, for tavern and marriage licences.

Upon the account of William Ravan, Esq'r, Sheriff of York Co'y, for fines and forfeitures.

Upon the petition of Peter Kohler, convicted of an assault and battery in the county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State, be remitted.

The Honorable George Wall, Junior, Esquire, attended His Excellency the President, as a member of the Board of Property.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John Piper, George Wall, Junior, Christopher Hayes, John Van Campen, } Esquires.

The record of the conviction of Pietro Giacobe Francisca Mesca and Mattes Brattelli, (for the murder of William Pickles,) at the Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia the twenty-second day of September last, was received and read, by which it appears that the said Pietro Giacobe, otherwise called Pietro Simone Francisco Mesca and Matteo Brattelli, are sentenced by the said Court, "to be hanged by the neck 'till they be severally dead." A petition from Giacoma Agnese in their behalf, was also read; and the same being considered,

Ordered, That a warrant under the less seal of the State be issued for executing the said sentence upon them, the said Pietro Giacobe, otherwise called Pietro Simone Francisco Mesca and Matteo Brattelli, on Saturday the eighteenth instant, between the hours of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, be directed to call forth the posse cometatus of the said county, or a respectable part thereof, for the purpose of preserving peace and good order at the said execution.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Hays, Esquire, one for fifty-four pounds nine shillings and two pence, State money, and the other for seventy-seven pounds twelve shillings specie, ballances of his account as late Sub-Lieutenant of Northampton county, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines in the said county.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 9th, 1783

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John Piper, John Van Campen, and Christopher Hayes, } Esq'rs.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, be appointed Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Fayette; and that commissions issue accordingly.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of the Honorable John Van Campen, Esquire, for one hundred and eight pounds five shillings specie, ballance of his account for his attendance in Council 'till the thirteenth instant, his mileage, and cash paid sundry boatmen employed in the public service.

In favor of the Honorable James Irvine, two orders, one for sixty pounds, and the other for twenty pounds ten shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Council 'till the thirteenth instant inclusive.

In favor of Honorable George Wall, Junior, Esquire, for eighty-three pounds two shillings and six pence, in full for his attendance 'till the thirteenth instant inclusive.

In favor of Honorable Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for forty pounds seventeen shillings and six pence specie, in full for his attendance in Council 'till the thirteenth instant inclusive.

In favor of Daniel Bradley, two orders, one for five pounds State money, in full of his own certificate, and the other for thirty-five pounds twelve shillings and two pence like money, in full of William Montgomery's certificate, for provisions furnished for public use, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly dated the eighth day of April, 1782.

In favor of Walter McFarlane, for eleven pounds thirteen shillings and four pence State money, out of the fund appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly of the 8th of April, 1782, for provisions furnished for public use.

The Comptroller's reports upon the accounts of Michael Pobst, Colonel of militia in Northampton county; and the recruiting account of Henry Piercy, Lieutenant in the second Pennsylvania regiment, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Van Campen,	Esquires.
George Wall, Junior,	Christopher Hayes,	
John Piper,	Sebastian Levan,	

The Comptroller's report of a ballance of bounty due to Joseph Roberts, as a soldier inlisted in the Pennsylvania line in the year 1778, was read, approved, and an order drawn for four pounds ten shillings specie, out of the class tax appropriated to the recruiting service.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, for two hundred and seventy-five pounds, ballance of his salary as Comptroller General 'till twelfth of October, 1783.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, for fifteen pounds fifteen shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Council 'till the sixth instant inclusively.

Ordered, That Colonel Clement Biddle, Quarter Master General of the Militia of the State, be directed to furnish Major James Moore with four camp-kettles, three blank books, one ream of writing paper, two thousand cartridges, and one hundred flints, for the use of his corps.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October, 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	John Van Campen,	Esquires.
John Piper,	Christopher Hayes,	

Upon the Comptroller General's report and certificate for a horse furnished for public use, an order was drawn for thirty-five pounds thirteen shillings, State money, in favor of Anthony Musgenung, in full of the said certificate; to be paid out of the money appropriated by resolution of Assembly of 8th of April, 1783.

Agreeably to resolution of the General Assembly dated September 19th, 1783, an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of

Benjamin Fuller, John Maxwell Nesbitt, and John Nixon, for five hundred and seven pounds specie, in full for services and attendance as Auditors of Accounts, payable in four months from the date of said resolution.

Upon the Comptroller General's report on the account of James Old, Iron Master, and his petition to the Board, praying some allowance for losses sustained in the sale of a quantity of cannon and cannon ball,

Resolved, That Council cannot agree to make the compensation requested, but consent that the ballance of fourteen pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence specie, due to him on the settlement of his account to the State, as appears by report from the Comptroller General's office, remain in his hands.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Piper, Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of William Moore, Esquire, Messieurs James and John Wharton, Executors, and Elizabeth Wharton, Executrix, of Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, Esquire, dec'd, payable in six months from the twenty-fourth day of September, 1783, for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, including what is now due to them for the use of his widow and children, "to be equally divided among them, share and share alike," agreeably to resolution of Assembly of 24th of September, 1783.

In favor of Mr. Francis Bailey—two orders—one of them for one hundred and forty-nine pounds ten shillings specie, amount of his account for printing done by order of Council, and the other for fifty-one pounds fifteen shillings specie, for printing done for the Comptroller's office.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Griffith Evans, for forty-five pounds twelve shillings and six pence specie, ballance of his accounts for eleven months' salary as Clerk to the Comptroller General, ending the fourteenth instant.

The Comptroller General's reports in favour of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise

appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
John Smith, private in the tenth regiment,	£ 54	1	5	3	4	10
Enos Reeves, Lieutenant in the second do.,	220	15	5¾	13	4	10
Henry Piercy, do. do.	184	15	0½	11	1	7
John Hart, Drum Major, German, do.,	68	8	8	4	2	0
George Grier, late private third do.,	84	3	1	5	0	11
John Barkley, Captain Lieu't of fifth do.,	486	19	2	29	4	3
James Gamble, Ensign fourth do.,	24	12	7	1	9	5
Robert Fleming, late private fifth do,	59	0	7	43	10	9
Michael Goodman, late Matross Artillery Artificers,	71	10	5	4	5	9
Henry Stout, late private in the German regiment,	50	12	3	3	0	9
Captain Job Vernon, late of the fifth do.,	11	14	1	0	13	11
Captain Samuel Kennedy, late of the seventh, do.,	232	0	0	13	18	4
Captain David Zeigler, first do.,	286	8	6	17	3	7
William Murren, Lieu't and Q'r M'r 2nd do.,	89	12	0	5	7	5
Joseph McClellan, Captain late of do.,	342	16	9	20	11	3
Nicholas Leb, private in the fifth do.,	87	14	10	5	5	1
Jonathan Sturges, Sergeant in the first do.,	49	9	8	2	19	4
Adam Musketness, late private in the 2nd do.,	54	4	11	3	5	0
John McQuead, do., do.,	41	9	11	2	9	9
John Reose, Surgeon in the seventh do.,	100	0	0	6	0	0
Jacob Hobzinger, late Lieutenant of the militia,	90	9	1	5	8	6
John Markland, Lieutenant in the sixth regiment,	234	15	9	14	1	8
Jacob Glassmyer, late private in the do., do,	55	2	1	3	6	1
John Smith, do., do.,	56	8	1	3	7	7
John McClelland, Drummer in the 3rd do.,	64	4	10	3	13	5
John Abbott, late private in the second do.,	54	18	3	3	5	9
Hugh King, late Lieutenant in the Flying Camp,	345	13	7	20	14	9

	Principal.			Interest.		
Joseph Rush, Esq'r, Administrator of John Johnston, late Serjeant 2nd regiment,	83	5	3½	4	19	10
William Bowser, late private in the tenth regiment,	53	10	5	3	4	2
Ensign Jacob Barnitz, late of the Flying Camp,	94	10	6	5	13	4
Edward McKillam, late private seventh regiment,	54	1	1	3	4	9
James Donavan, late private do.,	54	3	2	3	4	11
Nicholas Bergulioff, late private in the 11th do.,	84	8	8	5	1	2
Colonel Josiah Harmar,	230	10	9	13	16	7
Captain James Chrystie,	37	10	8	24	11	0
Francis Keele, late a private in the second do.,	88	11	7	5	6	3
John Kreitzer, late private in the sixth do.,	9	8	4	0	11	2
Evan Edward, Esquire, Major of the fourth do.,	442	17	10	26	11	4
Daniel Lafferty, private of the second do,	88	11	7	5	6	3
Captain Alexander Parker,	63	3	11	4	1	9
John McGowan, Captain Invalid regiment,	58	5	0	3	9	9
William Honeyman, Lieutenant do.,	24	12	0	1	9	5
Caleb North, Esquire, Lieutenant Col'l 2nd do.,	77	3	0	4	12	11
George Boss, Lieutenant Invalid do.,	25	12	0	1	10	9
Walter Finney, Captain in the sixth do.,	64	18	6	3	17	9
David Ewing, late private Hazen's do,	91	16	7	5	10	1
Bartholomew Vonheer, Captain of Artillery do.,	131	15	0	7	18	0
Thomas McElvaine, Drummer in the 3rd do.,	63	19	1	3	16	8
William Buggles, late private, do.,	58	15	4	3	10	5
James Borass, do. 6th do.,	58	4	9	3	9	10
John Chrystie 4th do.,	61	13	8	3	13	11
Major James Hamilton, of the second do.,	58	5	8	3	9	10
Alexander Varner, late private in the fifth do.,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Clement Shire, do. third do.,	60	14	5	3	12	9
Robert Nelson, late Serjeant Artillery Artificers,	63	7	8	3	16	0
Christopher Shockerman, late private in 4th regiment,	82	12	9	4	19	0

	Principal.			Interest.		
Captain Isaac Vanhorne,	44	13	9	2	13	6
Lieutenant Edward Speer, of the first do.,	52	1	3	3	2	1
Andrew Connolly, late private of the fourth do.,	56	8	10	3	7	7
Daniel Strahan, do. third do.,	56	19	10	3	8	4
John Moore, late private sixth do., by Nancy Moore, his Executrix,	88	13	1	5	6	4
Robert Harris, Surgeon's Mate second regiment,	100	0	0	6	0	0
James Chambers, late Colonel first do.,	654	16	1¾	39	5	8
Stephen Baldy, late Lieutenant Flying Camp,	76	8	5	4	11	7
James Martin, private second regiment,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Samuel Montgomery, late Captain in the seventh do.,	338	12	3	20	6	3
William Welsh, late private in the fourth do.,	56	10	7	3	7	9
Edward Bryan, late Matross Artillery Artificers,	28	5	3	1	13	10
Archibald Gordon, late private 11th regiment,	56	7	7	3	7	7
Anthony Wayne, Esquire, Brigadier General,	1,500	0	0	90	0	0
Andrew Patterson, late Gunner Artillery Artificers,	52	13	6	3	3	1
John Dayley, late Matross, do.,	53	15	11	3	4	5
John Marr, private in the third regiment,	60	16	4	3	12	11
George Hunter, late Mate in the General Hospital,	444	6	6	26	13	1
John Earhart, late private in the tenth regiment,	54	1	8	3	4	10
Doctor H. Fullerton, late Surgeon Flying Camp, dec'd, per his widow and children,	252	13	0	15	3	1
Adam Coogler, Dragoon Colonel Lee's legion,	58	18	5	3	10	8
George Richardson, late Matross Artillery Artificers,	51	9	7	3	1	8
John McKinney, late private in the sixth regiment,	58	1	9	3	9	8

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 14th, 1783.
At the President's House.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esq'r, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Piper, and Christopher Hayes, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The Comptroller General's report upon the account of the Hon'ble Christopher Hayes, Esquire, late Sub-Lieutenant of the county of Westmoreland, were read and approved, and two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in his favor: one for forty-one pounds fourteen shillings and six pence, State money; and the other for one hundred and forty-three pounds seven shillings and nine pence, ballance of his account as Sub-Lieutenant for said county, to be paid out of the money arising from militia fines in the county of Westmoreland.

And one other order was drawn in favor of the said Christopher Hayes, Esquire, for fifty pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence specie, in full for provisions furnished by him to the persons employed in running the Temporary line between this State and the State of Virginia.

An order was drawn in favor of Hon'ble John Piper, for the sum of six pounds two shillings and six pence, in full for his attendance in Council till the fourteenth instant, and his mileage.

Frederick Phile, Esquire, agreeably to order, attended in Council, and made report of the monies in his hand, subject to the draughts of this Board.

Upon the verbal representation of Colo. Richard Humpton, that many of the recruiting accounts of the Pennsylvania line were yet unsettled, and that he had reason to believe there was a large ballance due to the State, for which he as Superintending officer of that duty held himself responsible,

Ordered, That the ballances due to the State by the several recruiting officers upon a settlement of their accounts, be deducted from the sum to be advanced to each in consequence of the resolution of Assembly of the twenty-second of September, 1783, and that they be added to the fund now in the hands of the Naval officer, and appropriated to the purposes of the aforesaid resolution.

Resolved, That orders be drawn agreeably to the following arrangement, as settled by the Comptroller General:

Officers intitled to the benefits of the resolution of Assembly of the 22nd of September, 1783.

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
			DOLLARS.	
Honorable	Arthur St. Clair, Esq'r, Maj'r Gen'l,	415 / 498	913	
	Anthony Wayne, Esq'r, B'r Gen'l,	687½	687½	
	William Irvine, Esq'r, ditto,	687½	687½	
	Edward Hand, Esq'r, ditto,	687½	687½	
	Gen'l Hazen's Regiment.			
Major,	James Reed,	275	275	
Captain,	James Duncan,	220	220	
	Thomas Pry,	220	220	
Lieutenant,	Andrew Loe,	146⅔	146⅔	
	William Stewart,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Col Lee's Partizan Legion.			
Captain,	James Armstrong,	275	275	
Lieutenant,	Lawrence Manning,	183⅓	183⅓	
Surgeon,	Matthew Irvine,	324½	324½	
	Cavalry			
Colonel,	Steven Moylan,	516 7/9	516 7/9	
Lt. Colonel,	Benjamin Temple,	412½	412½	
Major,	Moore Fontleroy,	330	330	
Captains,	David Hopkins,	275	275	
	John Heard,	275	275	
	Erasmus Gilt,	275	275	
	Thomas Overton,	275	275	
	Lawrence Trent,	275	275	
	Zebulon Pike & Pay M'r,	275	275	
	John Craig,		275	
Lieutenant,	Jonah Hallett, Adju't,	183⅓	183⅓	
	George Guthrie,	183⅓	183⅓	
Brid'g M'r	William Thompson,	183⅓	183⅓	
Doctor,	Thomas M'Calla, Surg'n,	324½	324½	
	Jos. Thompson, S'rs Mate,	231	231	
Lieutenant,	John Robbins,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Invalid Regiment.			
Colonel,	Lewis Nichola,	412½	412½	
Captains,	David Woelper,	220	220	
	John M'Gowan,	220	220	
	John Reily,	220	220	

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
		DOLLARS.		
Captain,	Matthew M'Connell,	220	220	
Capt'n Lieut.,	William M'Ilhatton,	146 2/3	146 2/3	
Lieutenants,	William Honeyman,	146 2/3	146 2/3	
	Jonathan Pugh & Adjut't.	146 2/3	146 2/3	
	James McLean.	146 2/3	146 2/3	
Doctors,	Mathew Maus, Surg'n,	324 1/2	324 1/2	
	Christian Taylor, do. Mate,	231	231	
	OFFICERS WHO RETIRED THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1783. *Artillery.*			
Major,	Francis Proctor,	343 67/90	343 67/90	
Captains,	Robert Coltman,	275	275	
	Worsley Emes,	275	275	
	James M'Clure,	275	275	
	William Power,	275	275	
	Thomas Douglass,	275	275	
	William Martin,	275	275	
Capt'n Lieut.,	Mathew Maguire & Pay M'r,	183 1/3	183 1/3	
	Infantry.			
Colonel,	Walter Stewart,	412 1/2	412 1/2	
	Thomas Craig,	412 1/2	412 1/2	
Lt. Colonels,	Wm. Butler, Command't,	=	412 1/2	
	Caleb North,	250	330	80
	Francis Mentges,	330	330	
Major,	James Hamilton,	275	275	
	William Alexander,	275	275	
	Evan Edwards, Aid Gen'l Sullivan's Army,	275	275	
	Thomas L. Moore,	275	275	
Captains,	John Davis,	220	220	
	David Ziegler,	220	220	
	John Stielt,	220	220	
	John M'Clellan,	140	220	80
	Edward Bucke,	220	220	
	John Pearson,	220	220	
	Robert M'Curdy,	153 1/3	220	66 2/3
	John Patterson,	220	220	
	Andrew Walker,	140	220	80
	William Lusk,	220	220	
	Isaac Vanhorne,	99 2/9	220	120 7/9
	Samuel Kennedy,	100	220	120

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
		DOLLARS.		
Captains,	A. G. Claypoole,	220	220	
	William Sproat,	220	220	
	John Bush,		220	
	John Marshall,	220	220	
	Samuel Bready,	220	220	
	Henry Buker,	220	220	
	William Henderson,	220	220	
	Thomas Campbell,	220	220	
	Stephen Stephenson,	220	220	
	Benjamin Bartholomew,	220	220	
	Samuel Smith,	220	220	
	Job Vernon,	220	220	
	William Vanleer, B. Maj'r,	220	220	
	Robert Patton,		220	
	Jeremiah Jackson,	220	220	
	John Stotesbury,	220	220	
Lieutenants,	Andrew Johnston,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Michael Everly,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Jno. Wigton, Pay Mas'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Peter Smith, Q'r Mas'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Harper,	146⅔	146⅔	
	George North,	146⅔	146⅔	
	James Gilchriest,	146⅔	146⅔	
Doctors,	Alex'r Stewart, Surg'n,	324½	324½	
	James Davidson, do.,	324½	324½	
	John Rogue,	231	231	
	Robert Harris,	231	231	
	Robert Wharry,	231	231	
	Chaplains.			
Reverend,	David Jones,	412½	412½	
	Rober M'Murdy,	412½	412½	
	OFFICERS ARRANGED THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1783.			
	Artillery.			
Lt. Colonel,	And'w Porter, Com'dt,	550	550	
Major,	Isaac Craig,	343 6/90	343 6/90	
Captains,	Charles Turnbull,	155	275	120
	William Ferguson,	275	275	
	John Brice,	275	275	
	Jonas Symonds,	275	275	

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
			DOLLARS.	
Capt'n Lieut.,	James Lloyd,	183⅓	183⅓	
	James Smith,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Robert McConnell,	140⅓	183⅓	43
	Jesse Crosley,	183⅓	183⅓	
1st Lieuts.,	John Stricker,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Samuel Doty,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Jos. Ashton, Pay Mas'r,	183⅓	183⅓	
	John B. Webster, Q'r M'r,		183⅓	
2d Lieutenant,	Robert Parker, Adjutant,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Henry Greer,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Ezekiel Howell,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Robert Porter,	183⅓	183⅓	
	Joseph E. C. Lambert,	183⅓	183⅓	
	James Gamble,	183⅓	183⅓	
	John Humphreys,	183⅓	183⅓	
	John Van Court,	183⅓	183⅓	
Doctor,	Reading Beatty, Surg'n, *Infantry, 1st Regiment.*	324½	324½	
Colonel,	Daniel Broadhead,	412½	412½	
Lt. Colonel,	Josiah Harmer,	330	330	
Major,	Frederick Vernon,	275	275	
Captains,	John Doyle,	100	220	120
	Thomas B. Bowen,		220	
	John Bankson,	220	220	
	Benjamin Fishbourne,	220	220	
	Jacob Humphrey,	26	220	194
	William Wilson,	220	220	
	Andrew Irwin,	220	220	
	Isaac Seelly,	220	220	
	Joseph Finley,	220	220	
Lieutenant,	Andrew Lytle,	146⅔	146⅔	
	James M. Jones,	95	146⅔	51⅔
	William Moore,	146⅔	146⅔	
	James McMichael,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Stewert Herbert,	146⅔	146⅔	
	James McFarland, Quarter M'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	George Blewer,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Blackall W. Ball,	146⅔	146⅔	
	James McPherson,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Ward,	146⅔	146⅔	

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
			DOLLARS.	
Lieutenant,	James Milligan,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Richard Fullerton, Adj't,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Joseph Collier,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Llewellin Davis,	66⅔	146⅔	80
	Jacob Weitzle,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Robert Martin,		146⅔	
	James Campbell,	26⅔	146⅔	120
	David McKnight,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Edward Spear,	146⅔	146⅔	
	George Le Roy,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Joseph Irvine,	146⅔	146⅔	
Doctor,	William McGaw, Surg'n,	324½	324½	
	John Wilkin, S'ns Mate,	231	231	
	Second Regiment.			
Colonel,	Richard Humpton,		412½	
Lt. Colonel,	Thomas Robinson,	330	330	
Major,	James Moore,	275	275	
Captains,	James Christie,	220	220	
	Samuel Tolbert,	220	220	
	Robert Wilkin,	220	220	
	Lawrence Keene, Aid du Camp,	220	220	
	Jacob Bawer,	140	220	80
	Alexander Parker,	220	220	
	James Carnahan,	220	220	
	Thomas Boude,	220	220	
	John Finley,	220	220	
Lieutenant,	James Glentworth,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Samuel Bryson,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Gabriel Peterson,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Percival Butler,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Enos Reeves,	146⅔	146⅔	
	William McDowell,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Mahon,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Edward Butler, Adj't,	66⅔	146⅔	80
	James Pettigrew,	144⅔	146⅔	2
	John McCullom,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Welder Bevans,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Abner M. Dunn,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Henry D. Purcell, Q'r M'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	William Houston, Adj't,	146⅔	146⅔	

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
		DOLLARS.		
Lieutenant,	Henry Henly,	146⅔	146⅔	
	William Murren,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John B. Tilden,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Thomas Dungan, P. M'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Andrew Henderson,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Sankey Dixon,	146⅔	146⅔	
Doctor,	John McDowell, Surg'n,	324½	324½	
	Third Regiment.			
Colonel,	Richard Butler,	412½	412½	
Lt. Colonel,	Stephen Bayard,	330	330	
Major,	James Grier,	155	275	120
Captains,	Walter Finney,	220	220	
	Isaac B. Dunn, A. D. C.,	220	220	
	John Christie,	100	220	120
	George Bush,	220	220	
	John Clark,	220	220	
	Samuel Montgomery,	220	220	
	George McCully,	220	220	
	Jacob Stake,	220	220	
Lieutenant,	Henry Piercy,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Daniel St. Clair,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Crawford,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Benjamin Lodge, Pay M'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John McKinney,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Edward Crawford,	66⅔	146⅔	80
	Ereurius Beatty, Pay M'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	David Hammond,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Thomas Doyle,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Robert Peobles,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Stricker,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Armstrong,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Markland,	146⅔	146⅔	
	John Pratt, Q'r M'r,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Robert Allison,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Francis Thornbury,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Nathaniel Smith,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Samuel Reed,	146⅔	146⅔	
	A. D. Marcellin,	106⅔	146⅔	40
	John Rose, A. D. Camp,	116⅔	146⅔	
	Levi Griffith,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Ebenezer Denny,	146⅔	146⅔	

Rank.	Names.	Sum drawn by Council.	Amount due.	Sum deducted.
		DOLLARS.		
Doctor,	John Rodgers, Surgeon,	324½	324½	
	Richard Allison, S. M.,	231	231	
Lieutenant,	Francis Whyte,	146⅔	146⅔	
	David Marshall,	146⅔	146⅔	
	Artillery Artificers.			
Captains,	Thomas Wylie,	275	275	
	John Jordan,	275	275	
Lieutenant,	Benjamin Why,	183⅓	183⅓	
Lt. Colonel,	Tench Tilghman, Aid-du-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief,	330	330	
	Officers of Gen'l Hosp'l.			
Purveyor,	Thomas Bond,	495	495	
Hosp'l Surg'n,	Barnabas Binney,	495	495	
	Robert Johnston,	495	495	
Do. Mate.	John Cowell,	231	231	
	George Stevenson,	231	231	
	Mich'l Detrick,	231	231	
	Andrew Caldwell,	231	231	

Errors excepted.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 15th, 1783.

Mr. Irvine and Mr. Levan attended.

Thursday, October 16th, 1783

Mr. Irvine, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Levan attended.

No Council.

Friday, October 17th, 1783

PRESENT:

As yesterday.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, George Wall, junior, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The returns of the general elections held in the counties of Bucks and Berks, were now received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected:

FOR THE COUNTY OF BUCKS.

Censors.—Joseph Hart, and Samuel Smith.

Representatives.—Thomas Long, Joseph Savits, Joseph Thomas, John Clark, and Richard Rue.

Sheriffs.—Samuel Dean, and John Keller.

Com'rs.—Alexander Hughes, Samuel Foulke, Thomas Armstrong.

Coroners.—William Bennet, and Abraham Dubois.

For the County of Berks.

Censors.—James Read, and Baltzer Geehr.

Representatives.—Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Clymer, Christian Lauer, Nicholas Lutz, John Bishop, and John Rise.

Sheriffs.—Philip Kreamer, and Peter Filbert.

Coroners.—Peter Nagle, and John Hartman.

Commissioner.—Joseph Sands.

And the same being considered,

Ordered, That Samuel Dean be appointed Sheriff, and William Bennett Coroner of the county of Bucks; and that Philip Kreamer be appointed Sheriff, and Peter Nagle Coroner of the county of Berks; and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Samuel Dean, Esquire, Sheriff elect for the county of Bucks, now offers Colonels Arthur Irvin and Samuel Smith, Esquires, of the said county, as sureties for the faithful discharge of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

Philip Kreamer, Esquire, now offers Joseph Hiester and Thomas Parry, Esq'rs, of the said county of Berks, as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

A memorial from Joseph Cowperthwaite, against the late election for Sheriffs for the city and county of Philadelphia, was read.

On consideration,

Ordered, That the execution of Pietro Giacobe, (otherwise called Pietro Simone,) Francisco Mesca, and Matteo Bratelli, be respited 'till Saturday the twenty-fifth day of this instant.

An order was drawn on the Naval Officer in favor of Major James Moore, for three hundred and fifty pounds specie, out of the monies appropriated by resolution of the General Assembly of the

twenty-second day of September last for raising two companies of Infantry, to be stationed at Wyoming, for which said Major Moore is to account.

Instructions were given to Major James Moore to march the troops under his command, with all dispatch, to the garrison of Wyoming.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John McDowell, Sebastian Levan, } Esquires.

The returns of the general elections held in the city and county of Philadelphia, and counties of Chester, Lancaster, York, and Northampton, were received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

For the city of Philadelphia.

Censors.

Samuel Miles, and Thomas Fitzimmons.

Representatives.

John Steinmetz, Thomas Shields,
Samuel Morris, Sharp Delany.
William Colladay,

Wardens.

William Govett, and David Schaffer, Junior.

For the county of Philadelphia.

Censors.

Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, and Arthur St. Clair.

Representatives.

George Gray, Henry Hill,
Matthew Holgate, Samuel Penrose,
Thomas Rees, Samuel Ashmead,
Isaac Gray, Jacob Rush.
James Morris,

Sheriffs.

Thomas Proctor and Joseph Cowperthwaite.

Coroners.

Joseph Rush, and Thomas Nevill.

Commissioner.

John Brook.

For the county of Chester.

Censors.

Hon'ble John Evans, and Anthony Wayne, Esquires.

Representatives.

David Thomas,
Evan Evans,
John Hannum,
Joseph Parke,
Richard Willing,
Thomas Potts,
Thomas Bull, and
Edward Jones.

Sheriffs.

William Gibbons, and Robert Smith.

Coroners.

John Harper, and Benjamin Rue.

For the county of Lancaster.

Censors.

John Whitehill, & Stephen Chambers.

Representatives.

Abraham Scott,
William Brown,
James Mercer,
John Craig,
Matthias Slough,
Joseph Work,
Adam Orth,
Adam Hubley,
Jacob Cook,
William Parr, and
Robert Coleman.

Councillor.

Samuel John Atlee.

Sheriffs.

Thomas Edwards, and Archibald Steel.

Coroners.

John Offner, and Andrew Graff.

Commissioner.

Christopher Uhler.

For the county of York.

Censors.

Thomas Hartley, and Richard M'Allister.

Representatives.

Moses M'Clain, Henry Miller,
John Hay, Philip Gardner,
Robert M'Pherson, David Grier, and
Joseph Magoffin, David M'Connaughy.

Sheriffs.

William Bailey, and John Ehrman.

Coroners.

Jacob Rudisill, and George Lewis Lefler.

Commissioner.

Benjamin Tyson.

For the county of Northampton.

Censors.

John Arndt, and Simon Dreisbach.

Councillor.

Stephen Balliot.

Representatives.

Jacob Arndt, Robert Brown, and
Jacob Stroud, Frederick Limbach
Jonas Hartzel,

Sheriffs.

Robert Traill, and Peter Ealer.

Coroners.

George Palmer, and Conrad Ihric, Junior.

Commissioner.

Abraham Labar.

And the Council having duly considered the same,

Ordered, That Thomas Proctor be appointed Sheriff and Joseph Rush Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia; that William Gibbons be appointed Sheriff and John Harper Coroner of the county of Chester; That Thomas Edwards be appointed Sheriff and John Offner Coroner of the county of Lancaster; That William Bailey be appointed Sheriff and Jacob Rudisill Coro-

ner of the county of York; and that Robert Traill be appointed Sheriff and George Palmer Coroner of the county of Northampton; and that they respectively be commissioned.

Thomas Proctor, Esquire, attended, and offered John Lukens, Esquire, and Mr. William Nichols, of Philadelphia, as sureties for the faithfull performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

William Gibbons, Esquire, now offers Colonels John Hannums and Thomas Cheney, of the county of Chester, as sureties for the faithfull discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

Thomas Edwards, Esq., now offers Peter Grubb and Robert Coleman, of Lancaster county, as sureties for the faithfull discharge of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

William Bailey, Esquire, offers Thomas Hartley and David Cauntler, Esquires, of York county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve,

Robert Traill, Esquire, offers Jacob Grotz, Senior, and Michael Odewelder, of the county of Northampton, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John M'Dowell and George Wall, Jun'r, Sebastian Levan, } Esq'rs.

Samuel John Atlee, Esquire, appearing in Council, as Councillor for Lancaster county, took the oaths prescribed by the fortieth section of the Constitution, and thereupon, took his seat at the Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, Samuel J. Atlee, John M'Dowell, James Ewing, } Esquires.

Upon the petition of Anne Briggs,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by John Briggs be remitted, on his finding security to pay the costs of prosecution, and to be of good behaviour, according to the sentence of the Court.

Upon the petition of Joseph Bœhm, Junior, convicted of forgery in the county of Philadelphia,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said Joseph Bœhm, Jun'r, be remitted.

Colonel Thomas Proctor, Esquire, Sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, attended in Council, and took the oaths of allegiance and of office.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Andrew Boyd, Esquire, for thirty-two pounds, State money, in full for waggon hire in Chester county, to be paid out of the money appropriated by resolution of Assembly dated 8th April, 1782.

The records of the conviction of John Connor of highway robbery, and James M'Graw and James Jones of burglary, at the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery held for the city and county of Philadelphia the twenty second and twenty-ninth days of September last, were read, by which it appears that they are sentenced by the said court to be hanged by the neck 'till they be severally dead; and the Council having fully considered their case,

Ordered, That a warrant be issued for executing the said sentence upon them, the said John Connor, James M'Graw and James Jones, on Saturday the first day of November next, at the usual place of execution.

Ordered, That a like warrant be issued for executing the sentence of the same court upon Pietro Giacobe, (otherwise called Pietro Simone) Francisco Mesca and Matteo Bratelli, on Saturday the twenty-fifth instant, at the usual place of execution.

An order was drawn on the Naval Officer in favor of Messieurs. Hazlewood and Blakiston, for seventy-two pounds fourteen shillings and three pence one half penny, out of the money appropriated by resolution of Assembly dated twenty-second of September, 1783, for provisions furnished to the two companies of troops to be stationed at Wyoming.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John M'Dowell, and Samuel J. Atlee.

The return of the general election held in the county of Cumberland was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Censors.

William Irvine, and James M'Lene.

Representatives.

William Brown, (of Carlisle,)
Frederick Watts,
James Johnston,
John Carothers,
Abraham Smith,
William Brown, and
Robert Whitehill.

Sheriffs.

Samuel Postlethwaite, and John Davis.

Coroners.

John Rea, and William Blair, Jun'r.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Samuel Postlethwaite be appointed Sheriff and John Rea Coroner of the county of Cumberland, and commissioned accordingly.

Samuel Postlethwaite, Esquire, now offers Robert Miller and John Agnew, Esq'rs, of Cumberland county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office of Sheriff according to law, which the Council approve.

Henry Antes, Esquire, Sheriff of Northumberland county, presented to Council two several returns of the general election lately held in said county, and sundry depositions accompanying the same, respecting some irregular proceedings at said election, which being read, Mr. Antis was called in and examined on oath touching the same.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Samuel John Atlee, George Wall, Junior, John McDowell, } Esq'rs.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President to Francis Bailey, for a lot on State Island, containing twenty-one acres and eighty four perches of marsh and cripple: Sold agreeably to law, for three hundred and seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, State money dated the twenty-ninth of April, 1780. Deed dated the twenty-second day of October, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, October 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John McDowell, and George Wall, Jun'r, Samuel John Atlee, } Esquires.

The Council took into consideration the case of Matteo Bratelli, now under sentence of death; and thereupon,

Ordered, That a reprieve be granted to the said Matteo Bratelli for the space of thirty days from the date hereof.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Isaiah Marks, Captain John Henry, John Polton, and John Philips, for the sum of three hundred pounds each order, being the reward allowed by proclamation of this Board for apprehending and securing Edward Conrad and Henry Conrad.

Upon the petition of John Philip De Haas, convicted of an assault and battery in the county of Lancaster,

Ordered, That the fine adjudged to be paid to the use of the State by the said John Philip De Haas be remitted.

Joseph Rush, Esquire, attended in Council, and presented the inquest held by him as Coroner for the city and county of Philadelphia, upon the body of William Brann, by which it appears that

the said William Brann, on the twenty-second instant, was killed and murdered near the Center house, by some unknown person. On consideration,

Ordered, That a proclamation be issued in the following words, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By an inquest held by the Coroner of the city and county of Philadelphia, it appears that William Brann was, while in the prosecution of his lawful business on the twenty-second day of this present month, killed and murdered near the Center house, by some unknown person:

And whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the lives of the good people of this State, and a due execution of the laws, that the perpetrator of a crime so horrid should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment; we have, therefore, thought fit to issue this proclamation, hereby engaging that the public reward of three hundred pounds in specie shall be paid to any person or persons who shall discover the perpetrator of the said murder, to be paid on conviction for the same; and we do hereby charge and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and Constables, to make diligent search and inquiry after, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure the perpetrator of the said murder, his aiders, abettors, and comforters, and every of them, so that they may be dealt with according to law.

Given in Council, under the hand of his Excellency the President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest:—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun'r, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Mem.—The person who murdered the said William Brann was drest in a blue coat, and his companion in a green coat; they appeared to be foreigners, and had with them a large dog, thin towards the flanks, read and white coloured, with a read streak on the end of his tail. The murderer and his companion had each of them a gun. The murder was committed in the afternoon.

The following deeds for sundry lots in the city of Philadelphia were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, which

lots were sold agreeably to law, for the redemption of the bills of credit of this State of the twenty-ninth of April, 1780:

To Thomas Fitzgerald for	lot No.	209;	Consideration,	£65
John Barker,	do.	501	do.,	44
Thomas Fitzgerald, & 1167,	do.	1165, 1166	do.,	91
Thomas Bradford,	do.	1435,	do.,	31
James Budden, 1446, inclusively,	do.	from 1436 'till	do.,	357
John Barker,	do.	1503 & 1504,	do.,	49
James Budden,	do.	1576 & 1577,	do,	265

The above sums have been paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated twenty-third of October, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior,
Samuel John Atlee, John McDowell.

The memorial of John Boyd, Esquire, praying that some part of his pay as a Captain of a Ranging company may be advanced on account, was read, and an order taken that his request cannot be complied with.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, October 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Samuel John Atlee, } Esquires.
John McDowell, George Wall, Junior, }

The returns of the General elections held in the counties of Bedford and Westmoreland, were read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Censors.

David Espy, and Samuel Davidson.

Councillor.

Bernard Dougherty.

Representatives.

George Woods, and Robert Cluggage.

Sheriffs.

Abraham Miley, and James Black.

Coroners.

Cornelius McAulay, and Benjamin Burd,

For the county of Bedford.

Censors.

John Smiley, and William Finley,

Councillor.

Isaac Meason.

Representatives.

Thomas Morton, Richard Wallace.
William Todd, and

Sheriff.

Robert Orr, and William Jack.

Coroner.

William Waddle, and Jacob Machlin.

Commissioner.

Alexander Barr,

For the county of Westmoreland.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Abraham Miley be appointed Sheriff, & Cornelius McAulay Coroner, of the county of Bedford, and that Robert Orr be appointed Sheriff, and William Waddle Coroner, of the county of Westmoreland, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Abraham Miley, Esquire, offers Thomas Coulter and George Funk, of Bedford county, and Robert Orr, Esquire, offers Andrew Finley and James King, of Westmoreland county, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of their several offices, for the said counties respectively, according to law, which the Council approve.

A letter from the Delegates of this State, with its inclosures, was read.

A note from the Superintendant of Finance, advising that on Friday next the Minister Plenipotentiary of the States General will be admitted to a public audience in the Congress room, was read.

Letters from Alexander Patterson, Esquire, Captain Philip Schrawder, and Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, were read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, October 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.
The Honorable JAMES EWING.

James Irvine, John McDowell, and George Wall, Junior, } Esquires.
Samuel J. Atlee,

Ordered, Upon the Comptroller General's report, that an order be drawn in favor of Doctor Joseph Eaker, for the sum of sixty-five pounds specie, in full of his account of medicine and attendance given to the State troops serving in Northumberland county, to be paid out of the monies appropriated to the frontier defence.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Boyd, Esquire, late a Captain in the service of the State, for the sum of eighty dollars on account, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the defence of the frontiers.

Upon the certificates of Major General St. Clair and Brigadier General Humpton, that the commissions of the following officers of the Pennsylvania line should bear date as follows, vizt:

Lieu't Edward Spear, on the first of Jan'ry, 1781.
Lieu't Sanky Dixon, May 16th, 1781.
Do. Thomas Dungan, do. do.
Do. Joseph Irvine, May 12th, 1781.
Do. James Gilchrist, May 23, 1781.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to inform Major General Lincoln, that it is the sense of this Board that commissions should issue agreeably to the dates above stated.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, October 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John McDowell, Samuel J. Atlee, } Esquires.

A letter from Adam Hubley, Esquire, soliciting the permission of this Board to resign his appointment of Lieutenant of Lancaster county, was read, and his resignation accepted.

A letter from John Gloninghcr, praying the reversion of Colonel Hubley's late appointment, was read.

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, October 31st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John McDowell, Samuel J. Atlee, } Esquires.

The resignation of John Clark, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bucks, was read and accepted.

The petition of Henry Dyerman, convicted of selling spirituous liquors contrary to law, was read, and the fine adjudged to the use of the State remitted.

Upon consideration,

Resolved, That Dorsey Pentecost, Esquire, be appointed a Judge in and President of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Washington.

Resolved, That a similar commission shall issue to Alexander McClean, Esquire, for the county of Fayette.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John McDowell, for the sum of fifty-eight pounds five shillings specie, in full of his pay as a Councillor 'till this day, inclusively, and his mileage.

Mr. Hannum and Mr McPherson, a Committee from the General Assembly, attended, and informed the Council that the House was now met, and ready to receive any business Council might have to lay before them.

Upon which the following message, accompanied by sundry original papers, was presented by the Secretary.

A Message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council, to the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN:—The Secretary will lay before you a letter from the President of Congress of the second instant, letters from the Delegates of this State of the twenty-fifth and twenty-eighth of last month, and of the second and twenty-fourth of this, with our answer to that of the twenty-eighth, and also letters from Messieurs Patterson and Meade, and one from Captain Schrawder.

By the answer just mentioned, you will perceive the steps we have taken in pursuance of the resolution of the General Assembly at the last session, of the twenty-fifth of September, respecting Indian affairs.

The late election in Northumberland has been so irregular, that we have not issued a commission to any person as Sheriff of that county, nor have we determined which of the gentlemen returned as Councillors shall take his seat at our Board. We did not chuse to make a hasty decision, and as double returns were made to us of members of Assembly, we were desirous of avoiding an encrease of expence, and at the same time of corresponding as much as possible with your Honorable House in the measures to be adopted for obtaining proper evidence.

Some directions should be given concerning the public storehouse at Lancaster, and the Barracks there, and those near this city, and we should be glad if you would be pleased to consider to what use they can now be applied most advantageously for the State.

Gentlemen, as the Pennsylvania line have, with a virtue and fortitude that are an honor to their country, so highly contributed to the establishment of the freedom, peace, and sovereignty which this Commonwealth now enjoys, and it becomes a just and grateful people to acknowledge and reward eminent benefits, we wish the thanks of the State might be given to them for their faithful services; and we are convinced that a declaration of the public sentiment and esteem, authenticated and dignified by the approbation and concurrence of your Honorable Body, would afford them a most sincere satisfaction.

JOHN DICKINSON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Philadelphia, October 31st, 1783

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Samuel J. Atlee, & George Wall, Junior, John M'Dowell, } Esq'rs.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Evans, and Mr. M'Pherson, a Committee of the House, attended in Council, and a conference was had upon the time when the election of the President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council should take place, and the manner in which it should be conducted.

Upon which it was ordered that Thursday next shall be the day of election, and the usual mode of procession be adopted on this occasion.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Frederick Sneider, for fifteen pounds, being his wages as Doorkeeper from the first till the thirty-first of October, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable Samuel J. Atlee, James Irvine, and John M'Dowell, } Esquires.

Mr. Balliot, of Northampton county, attending in Council, took the oaths of qualification for a seat at this Board.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the Honorable John Montgomery, Esquire, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-three pounds ten shillings specie, in full for his attendance in Congress from the fifteenth of July till the first day of November, 1783, inclusively.

The Vice President and Mr. Atlee are named to the Board of Property which sits this morning.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, Stephen Balliott, } Esquires.
John M'Dowell, Samuel J. Atlee, }

The memorial of Mr. du Ponceau, praying to be appointed to the place of Notary Public, &ca., &ca, lately held by Paul Fooks, deceased, was read. A number of certificates in support of Mr. du Ponceau's pretensions, were also read.

A recommendation of James Ross, Esquire, to the office of Lieutenant, lately held by Colonel Adam Hubley, was read and postponed for consideration.

The petitions of John Foster and James Kelly, convicted of larceny, in the late sessions of the City Court, with the recommendations of the Magistracy, &ca., &ca., annexed, were read and postponed for consideration.

The petition of Daniel Clymer, Esquire, praying to be appointed Naval Officer, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Samuel J. Atlee, and } Esq'rs.
George Wall, Junior, Stephen Balliot,
John M'Dowell,

The petition of Matteo Brattelli, a prisoner under sentence of death, was read.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to Andrew Boyd, for two tracts of land late of Curtis Lewis, an attainted traitor, one containing two hundred and thirty-five acres and eighteen perches, and the other containing one hundred and fifty-four acres; situate in East Caln township, in the county of Chester: Seized and sold, agreeably to law, for twenty-two thousand pounds Continental money. Deed dated this day.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John McDowell, Samuel J. Atlee, and Stephen Balliot, } Esq'rs.

The Comptroller's report upon the quarterly account of John Armstrong, Junior, Esquire, as Secretary of Council, was read and approved.

The petitions of John Foster and James Kelly, were read the second time, and order taken upon them, vizt: that the cropping, which is part of their sentence, be remitted.

Upon consideration,

Resolved, That Peter S. Du Ponceau, Esquire, agreeably to his petition of yesterday, be appointed to succeed the late Paul Fooks, Esquire, in the offices of Notary Public, and sworn Interpreter of ye English, French, Italian, and Spanish languages.

The Clerk of the General Assembly attending in Council, informed the Board that the House was now ready to proceed to the election of a President and Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, agreeably to the order of Friday last.

Resolved, That the President and Council do immediately repair to the Assembly room, and there proceed to the intended election.

A meeting was had in consequence of this resolution, the Secretary of Council and Clerk of the Assembly proceeded to take the votes for a President and Vice President; upon which it appeared that John Dickinson, Esquire, was unanimously elected President, and James Ewing, Esq'r, was unanimously elected Vice President.

A declaration of the election was then made and signed, as follows, vizt:

To all People to whom these presents shall come or may concern.

The General Assembly and Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania send greeting:

Know ye, that we, the Representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, in the State House at Philadelphia, together with the President, Vice President, and other members of the Supreme Executive Council of the same Commonwealth, in the same place convened, to elect a President and Vice President of the said Commonwealth, have, agreeably to the directions of the nineteenth section of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, duly and fairly elected and chosen,

by ballot, his Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, President of the said Supreme Executive Council, and the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, Vice President. *And* to the end, that due regard and obedience may be paid to them in the execution of their respective offices on all occasions, we do hereby make known and declare that the said JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, is the President, and the said JAMES EWING, Esquire, is the Vice President of the said Supreme Executive Council.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the sixth day of November, in the eighth year of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON, Presid't.

JAMES EWING, Vice Presid't.

James Irvine,	Jacob Arndt,	Adam Hubley,
George Wall, Jun'r,	Jacob Stroud,	William Parr,
John McDowell,	Jonas Hartzell,	Robert Coleman,
Samuel J. Atlee,	Robert Brown,	John Clarke,
Stephen Balliot,	Thomas Morton,	John Hannum,
	William Todd,	George Gray, Speaker,
John Hay,	Moses McClean,	John Steinmetz,
Robert McPherson,	Joseph Savitz,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Joseph McGoffin,	Evan Evans,	William Callady,
Henry Miller,	Joseph Park,	Thomas Shields,
Philip Gartner,	Richard Willing,	Sharp Delany,
David McGonaghy,	Thomas Potts,	Matthew Holgate,
Joseph Thomas,	Thomas Bull,	Thomas Rees,
David Thomas,	Edward Jones,	Isaac Gray,
Frederick Watts,	Abraham Scott,	James Morris,
James Watts,	William Brown,	Henry Hill,
John Carothers,	James Mercer,	Samuel Penrose,
Abraham Smith,	John Craig,	Sam'l Ashmead,
Nicholas Lotz,	Matthias Slough,	Jacob Rush,
Daniel Clymer,	Joseph Work,	Thomas Long,
Abraham Lincoln,	Adam Orth,	Richard Rue.
John Rice,		

And the said John Dickinson, Esquire, is hereby declared to be *Captain General* and *Commander-in-Chief* in and over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It was then agreed that the declaration, as recited above, be publickly read from the court house steps by the Secretary of Council, and that the order of procession upon this occasion be as follows, to wit:

Order of Procession.

Constables with their staves.
Sub Sheriffs with their wands.

High Sheriff and Coroner with their wands.
Judges of the Supreme Court & Judges of the High Court of Errors & Appeals.
Attorney General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.
Marshall of the Admiralty.
Judge and Register of the Admiralty.
Naval Officer.
Treasurer and Comptroller General.
Secretary of the Land Office and Register of Wills.
Reciever General and Surveyor General.
Justices of the Peace.
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas & Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions.
Master of the Rolls and Clerk of the City Court.
Secretary of the Council.
His Excellency the President and Honorable the Vice President.
Members of the Council, two and two.
Door-Keeper of the Council.
Sergeant-at-Arms with the mace.
Honorable the Speaker of the General Assembly.
Clerk of the General Assembly.
Members of the General Assembly, two and two.
Door-Keeper of the General Assembly.
Provost and Faculty of the University.
Officers of the militia.
Citizens.

Upon returning to the Council Chamber, the oaths of allegiance and of office were administered to the President and Vice President, agreeably to law.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 7th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell.
George Wall, Junior, Stephen Balliott, } Esquires.
Samuel J. Atlee,

A letter from Samuel Rhea, Esquire, late Lieutenant of Northampton county, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Rea be informed that it is the direction of Council that he shall immediately proceed to a settlement of his accounts with the Comptroller General, and that he then deliver to Col'o Thomas Craig, the present Lieutenant of the aforesaid county, an account on oath of all monies not collected for militia fines and forfeitures, and all and singular the books, duplicates, returns, and other papers belonging to the said office.

Resolved also, That Colonel Craig be directed to receive the said account, &ca , &ca., and that he immediately proceed to the collection of such fines and forfeitures agreeably to law.

A proposition for raising the Chevaux de frize, by De Brattine and Garrison, was communicated by Colonel Gurney, and read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 8th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John McDowell, and
George Wall, Junior, Mr. Balliott.
Samuel J. Atlee,

A petition from John Foster, praying the entire remission of the corporal punishment to which he was sentenced, was read and rejected.

Mr. Du Ponceau attending in Council, the oaths of qualification were administered to him in consequence of his appointment of yesterday.

The Comptroller's report upon the accounts of Captain B. Bartholomew, and Collins, were read and approved, and an order drawn in favor of the latter, for the sum of four pounds fifteen shillings.

The following orders were drawn on the Naval Officer, vizt:

In favor of John Miller, Esquire, for the sum of five pounds eight shillings, agreeably to the Comptroller General's report upon his account against the State, for attesting recruits, to the number of one hundred and eight, of Major Moore's corps.

In favor of William Jordan, for the sum of eighteen pounds. for waggoning service performed for the same corps, to be paid agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly of the twenty-second of September, 1783.

An order was also drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Francis Gurney, & others, Wardens of the port of Philadelphia, for five hundred pounds specie, for the purpose of removing the Chevaux

de frize, and other obstructions to the navigation of the river Delaware, to be paid agreeably to resolution of Assembly of the twenty-fourth of September, 1783.

In favor of the Honorable James Ewing, Esquire, for one hundred and forty-one pounds, in full for one year's salary as Vice President, ending the sixth instant, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

James Irvine, George Wall, Jun'r, John McDowell, Samuel J. Atlee, and Stephen Balliott, } Esquires.

The return of the general election held in the county of Washington, was received and read, by which it appears that the following gentlemen were duly elected, to wit:

Censors.

James Edgar, and John McDowell.

Councillor.

John Neville.

Representatives.

John Stephenson, and Matthew Ritchie.

Sheriffs.

Van Swearingen, Andrew Swearingen.

Coroners.

William McFarland, and William McComb,

Commissioner.

Demus Lindley.

On consideration,

Ordered, That Van Swearingen, Esquire, be appointed Sheriff, and William McFarland, Coroner of the county of Washington, and that they be commissioned accordingly.

Van Swearingen, Esquire, now offers John Neville, Andrew Swearingen, and Dorsey Penticost, Esquires, of the county of Washington, as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties

of his office for the said county according to law, which the Council approve.

A memorial from some of the people commonly called Quakers, was presented to Council and read.

Robert Martin, Esquire, attending at the door of the Council room, offers himself for a seat at this Board.

The Comptroller's reports upon the accounts of James Muirs, for stiching pamphlets of Robert Stevenson, Esquire, deceased, for arms furnished for the use of the State, and expences incurred for a militia detachment, and of Archibald McClean, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of York, were read and approved.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 11th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John McDowell, Samuel J. Atlee, John Neville, } Esquires.

Mr. John Neville attending in Council, took the oaths of qualification as a member of this Board.

The memorial of Captain Philip Liebertz, was read.

Bernard Dougherty, Esquire, returned as a member of this Board, attending in Council, took the oaths of qualification prescribed by the Constitution, and took his seat at the Board.

A certificate of the apprehension and security of Joseph Doan, by Joseph Wilson, was read.

The petition of Nicholas Lloyd, convicted of fornication at the late city court, and sentenced to a fine of ten pounds, was read; and in consideration of the circumstances,

Ordered, That the aforesaid fine be remitted.

Two orders were drawn on the Treasurer agreeably to the Comptroller General's report of the nineteenth of July last, read and approved by Council: The one in favour of Joseph Green, for twenty-four pounds eleven shillings and ten pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, the price of a horse furnished by him for the use of the public. The other in favor of John Weitzle, for the sum of four pounds, like money, being the price of a steer furnished by him for the public use.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Lieutenant Crawford, and that of John Weitzle, Contractor for provisions for the garrison of Wyoming, were read and approved.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Dolby, for the sum of six pounds, due to him for ringing the bells upon the proclamation of the President and Vice President of this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Samuel J. Atlee,
John McDowell, Bernard Dougherty,
George Wall, Jun'r, John Neville, } Esquires.

Isaac Mason, Esquire, attending in Council, was admitted to a seat at this Board, upon taking the oaths of qualification prescribed by the Constitution.

The petition of Charles Wilstach, was read the second time and rejected.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of James Muir, for the sum of forty pounds seven shillings and five pence, agreeably to the Comptroller's report of the eighteenth instant.

The petition of Benjamin Fuller, praying to be appointed a Naval Officer, should the present incumbent be removed.

Ephraim Douglass, Esquire, of the county of Fayette, being admitted to Council, took the oaths prescribed by the Constitution to qualify him for the execution of his office of Prothonotary, &ca., &ca., of the said county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Joseph Wilson, for the sum one hundred pounds, being as part of the reward due to him for apprehending and securing Joseph Doan.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, junior, Samuel J. Atlee, Bernard Dougherty, John Neville, and Isaac Mason, } Esq'rs.

Upon considering the contract now subsisting between the Commonwealth and John Weitzle, Esquire, it is mutually agreed that the said John Weitzle shall continue to furnish the troops employed in the county of Northumberland, with rations untill the first day of July next, for which he shall be allowed ten pence per ration. The rations to consist of,

One pound of flour, one pound of beef, or three-quarters of a pound of pork, one gill of whiskey.

One quart of salt, Two quarts of vinegar, } To every hundred rations.

Eight pounds of soap, Three pounds of candles, } To every seven hundred rations.

That at no time shall the troops be left without one month's provision in store.

That the sum of six hundred pounds, fifty pounds be advanced to Mr. Weitzle on account. That the account he shall render against the State shall be signed by the commanding officer, and that either party is at liberty to dissolve this contract on the first day of July next, provided that one month's notice be previously given by the party so disposed to dissolve it.

JOHN WEITZLE.

Philadelphia, November 13th, 1783.

The petition from Matteo Brattelli, now confined in the new gaol, and sundry papers relating thereto, were transmitted to the General Assembly.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Weitzle, Esquire, for six hundred and fifty pounds specie, agreeably to the above agreement.

The Comptroller's reports upon the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Caleb North Benezet, and Backman, Bernard Miller, and Elijah Weed, were read, approved, and the following orders drawn: In favor of Bernard Miller and Elijah Weed, the former for the sum of twenty-nine pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, State money, being the principal and interest due for a mare furnished by him for public use, and the latter for the sum of ten pounds twelve shillings and four pence, being his traveling expences to and from New York, on the business of the State.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 14th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John M'Dowell, Samuel J. Atlee, Bernard Dougherty, Isaac Mason, & John Neville, } Esq'rs.

A resolution of Congress, transmitted by their Secretary, was read.

A representation from the Magistracy of Washington county, upon the complaints of John Campbell and John Coxe, was read.

A letter from Mr. John Shee, stating the services and wishes of Lieutenant Colonel Weibert, was read.

Upon the reference of yesterday, the General Assembly came to the following resolution, vizt:

"*Resolved*, That Council do pardon the said Matteo Battelli.

On which it was,

Ordered, That a pardon shall immediately issue.

Mr. Miles, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Hart, a committee of the Council of Censors, attending at the Council door, were introduced by the Secretary, and informed the Board that they had chosen Frederick A. Muhlenberg, Esquire, their President.

Mr. Delaney, Mr. Coleman, and Mr. Potts, a Committee attending in Council, a conference was had upon the application of the Barracks in this city, the Storehouse in Lancaster, &ca., &ca., and the best possible way of conveying the thanks of the State to the Pennsylvania line.

Upon considering the proposals made by Messieurs de Brassine and Garrison, for removing the chevaux-de-frize, were accepted, and are as follows, to wit:

Messieurs de Bassine and Garrison are, within nine months from the date hereof, to take down to the ballast, and entirely remove, all the chevaux-de-frize in the river Delaware, or so many of them as Council shall direct. All expences, without exception, of so taking down and removing the same, to be defrayed by the said de Brassine and Garrison. When all the said chevaux-de-frizes, or so many of them as Council shall direct, shall be taken down and removed, in the manner before mentioned, Council will immediately pay them four thousand pounds in specie.

The petition of John Caldwell, convicted of larceny, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Philadelphia in June last, was read and rejected.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Gunning Bedford & Thomas Nevil, for one hundred and fifty pounds, out of the tonnage duties, on account of repairs at the hospital on State Island, they to be accountable.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 15th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, Samuel J. Atlee, Bernard Dougherty, Isaac Mason, and John Neville, } Esq'rs.

The petition of John Butler, convicted of larceny at the October sessions of the City Court, was read and rejected.

The petition of Colonel Francis Murray, praying to be appointed Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, was read.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Richard Wallace, Esq'r, for provisions furnished to a part of Captain Stokely's company, was read and approved, and an order drawn in favor of the said Wallace, for the sum of to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

The petition of John Davis, convicted of larceny in the October sessions of the City Court, 1782, was read, and the fine of eighty-three pounds seventeen shillings, to which he was sentenced, was remitted.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Captain Samuel Kennedy, for the sum of thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, being a part of pay on account, agreeably to resolution of Assembly of 22nd of September, 1783.

A letter from William Bailey, Esquire, Sheriff of the county of York, was read, informing that one of the gentlemen whom he had offered to Council as a surety for his official conduct, had before he returned to York, engaged himself as such to the Jailor of the county, praying, therefore, that Colonel David Grier or Robert McPhers n may be accepted in his stead.

Ordered, That the Prothonotary be informed that either of the two will be acceptable to Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Isaac Mason, George Wall, junior, Bernard Dougherty, and John McDowell, John Neville, Samuel J. Atlee, } Esq'rs.

In consideration of the many offices held by Joseph Hart, Esquire, Colonel Francis Murray was appointed to the place of Lieutenant of Bucks county.

On the resignation of Colonel Adam Hubley, Colonel James Ross was unanimously appointed to the place of Lieutenant of Lancaster county.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Evan James, for the sum of two pounds, State money, being the price of three sheep, furnished for public use.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Clymer, a committee of the House, attending in Council, gave information that a committee of the House had been appointed to hear the testimony on the case of the late contested election in Northumberland county: Upon which it was

Ordered, That Mr. Atlee and Mr. Neville be a committee of this Board to attend the examination of the witnesses, and make report accordingly.

A resolution of Congress of the thirteenth instant, mentioning the appointment of a President, and the adjournment of Congress from Princeton to Annapolis, was transmitted to the House.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Bernard Dougherty, George Wall, jun'r, Isaac Mason, John McDowell, John Neville, Samuel J. Atlee, } Esq'rs.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Robert Aitken, was read and approved, and an order drawn on the Treasurer in

favor of the said Aitken, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-two pounds and five pence, for printing, folding, &ea., &ea., done for the State.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Sebastian Levan, Esquire, for the sum of fifty-three pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full of his account for attendance as Councillor from the first of September 'till the thirty-first of October, 1783, inclusively.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Seigrist, for the sum of thirty-five pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, State money, being the principal and interest due for a horse furnished for public use.

A memorial from John Mitchell, was read and referred to the Comptroller General.

A memorial of Captain Walter Finney, stating the circumstances attending the purchase of a tract of land sold to him by the Agents of Chester county as confiscated property, was read;

Ordered, That the memorial and papers on which it is founded be referred to the Honorable House of Assembly, it appearing to Council that Captain Finney's case is similar to the case of the officers who purchased a part of Hog Island.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Bernard Dougherty, John McDowell, Isaac Mason, Samuel J. Atlee, John Neville, } Esquires.

The Comptroller's report upon the account of Daniel Hortecher, for provisions furnished by him to the militia of Northampton county, was read and approved.

His Excellency Thomas Mifflin, Esquire, and the Honorable Cadwallader Morris, attending in Council, a conference was had upon the mode of correspondence to be adopted between this Board and the delegation to Congress.

The petition of Peter Lauverstein, of Northampton county, was read and referred to Colonel Thomas Craig, who is hereby authorized to remit the fine, if upon enquiry he finds the representation of the said Lauverstein to be true.

The petitions of Godfrey Diffendeffer, Valentine Kayser, and James Jones, were read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Samuel J. Atlee, George Wall, junior, John Neville, and John McDowell, John Mason, Bernard Dougherty, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of John Cannon, Esquire, for two hundred and seventy-four pounds five shillings, in full for rations furnished to rangers and militia in Washington county 'till August, 1783, inclusively, to be paid out of the frontier fund.

In favor of Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, for forty pounds, to be applied in repairing the banks of Mud Island, agreeably to the contract between him and the State.

In favor of Philip Bryan, for fifty pounds seven shillings and nine pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, in full for principal and interest for a horse furnished for public use.

In favor of Thomas Bulger, for fifteen pounds ten shillings and two pence, in State money, in full of principal and interest upon his certificate for provisions furnished for public use.

In favor of Joseph McIlvaine, for two pounds twelve shillings and six pence, in full of his certificate for provisions furnished for public use.

The three last mentioned sums to be paid agreeably to resolution of Assembly dated the eighth day of May, 1782.

In favor of Augustine Willet, Esquire, for fourteen shillings and seven pence, ballance of his account for provisions furnished to the militia in the fall of 1781.

The resignations of Robert Cluggage, Robert Scott, and Samuel Thompson, as Justices of the Peace for the county of Bedford, were read and accepted.

A memorial from William Pollard, merchant, respecting money in his hands belonging to William Price, attainted of high treason, was read; and

Ordered, To lie on the table.

A deed was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, to James Tate, conveying ninety-two acres and sixteen perches of land, situate in Northampton township, in the county of Bucks: Seized and sold agreeably to law, as the estate late of Alexander Bartram, for six hundred and seven pounds eighteen shillings specie. Deed dated this day.

Council considering that it may now be proper to have some preparations made for the public demonstrations of joy upon the definitive Treaty of Peace between the United States and Great Britain,

Ordered, That the Honorable House of Assembly be consulted on that subject.

* The Council resumed the consideration of the Proclamation of Congress dated the eighteenth of October instant, recommending to the several States to set apart the second Thursday in December for public thanksgiving; and thereupon,

Agreed that a proclamation for that purpose be issued in the following words, to wit:

By the President and the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The United States in Congress assembled, by their proclamation dated the eighteenth of October instant, have set forth and recommended that "Whereas, It hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events to dispose the hearts of the late belligerant powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood, by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land, and these United States are not only happily rescued from the danger and calamities to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty, and independence, ultimately acknowledged:

"*And whereas*, In the progress of a contest on which the most essential rights of human nature depended, the interposition of Divine Providence in our favor hath been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these States have every reason for praise and gratitude to the God of their salvation. Impressed, therefore, with an exalted sense of the blessings by which we are surrounded, and of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being from whose goodness and bounty they are derived: The United States in Congress assembled do recommend to the several States to set apart the second Thursday in December next as a day of public thanksgiving, that all the people may then assemble to celebrate with grateful hearts and united voices, the praises of their Supreme and all bountiful Benefactor for his numberless favours and mercies; that He hath been pleased to conduct us in safety through all the perils and vicissitudes of the war; that He hath given us unanimity and resolution to adhere to our just rights; that He hath raised up a powerful ally to assist us in supporting them; and hath so far crowned our united efforts with success; that in the course of the present year hostilities have ceased, and we are left in the undisputed possession of our liberties and independence, and of the fruits of our own lands, and in the free

* This Proclamation was omitted in its proper place. See 30th of October, 1783.

participation of the treasures of the sea; that He hath prospered the labor of our husbandmen with plentiful harvests; and above all, that He hath been pleased to continue to us the light of the blessed gospel, and secured to us, in the fullest extent, the rights of conscience in faith and worship. And while our hearts overflow with gratitude, and our lips set forth the praises of our great Creator, that we also offer up fervent applications that it may please to pardon all our offences, to give wisdom and unanimity to our public Councils, to cement all our citizens in the bonds of affection, and to inspire them with an earnest regard for the national honor and interest, to enable them to improve the days of prosperity by every good work, and to be lovers of peace and tranquility; that it may please Him to bless us in our husbandry, our commerce and navigation, to smile on our seminaries and means of education, to cause pure religion and virtue to flourish, and give peace to all nations, and to fill the world with His glory."

Therefore, we do hereby recommend to the people of this State, that they set apart the said second Thursday in December next, as a day of public thanksgiving to Almighty God, agreeably to the recommendation of the above recited proclamation.

Given in Council, under the hand of the President and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Attest:—JOHN ARMSTRONG, Junior, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 21st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Bernard Dougherty, George Wall, Jun'r, John Neville, John McDowell, Isaac Mason, Samuel J. Atlee, } Esquires.

The ratification of the preliminary articles, &ca., by Congress, was transmitted by their Secretary, read and referred to the General Assembly.

The evidence collected by the committee appointed to hear the examination of the witnesses upon the case of the Northumberland election, was presented to this Board and read.

A letter from the Hon'ble Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, inclosing a resolution of the Council of Censors, was read.

Ordered, That the minutes of this Board be transmitted to the Council of Censors, agreeably to their resolution of to-day.

A letter from Daniel Levan, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Berks, pointing out the districts into which the said county is divided for the more convenient election of Magistrates, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John M'Dowell, Samuel J. Atlee, Bernard Dougherty, John Neville, and Isaac Mason, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of his Excellency the President, for the sum of six hundred and twenty-five pounds, being one half years' salary, ending the sixth day of May, 1784.

The following orders were drawn in favor of Samuel Hadden: The one for fifty-three pounds seventeen shillings; the other for forty-one pounds sixteen shillings and five pence, State money of the seventh of April, 1781, being the amount of principal and interest due to the said Hadden for two horses furnished by him for public service.

A letter from the Comptroller General, upon Mr. Searl's account, was read; and, on consideration,

Ordered, That the following verbal message be delivered to the General Assembly, vizt:

Council would be glad that the General Assembly would be pleased to adopt some mode for ascertaining in a manner agreeable to them, the compensation to be made to James Searle, Esquire, as Agent for this State in Europe.

Upon reconsidering the evidence collected by the committee of this Board, on the election of Northumberland county, it was determined that John Boyd, Esquire, was duly elected Councillor, Henry Antes, Esquire, Sheriff, and John Scott, Coroner, of the aforesaid county, and that Commissions issue to Henry Antes and John Scott, Esquires, accordingly.

Frederick Antes and William Antes, of the county of Northumberland, were offered as sureties for the said Henry Antes, and approved by Council.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Samuel J. Atlee, for the sum of thirty-three pounds two shillings

and six pence, in full of his account of attendance at this Board 'till the twenty-fourth instant inclusively, and his mileage.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, John Neville, Isaac Mason, Samuel J. Atlee, } Esquires.

The following orders were drawn in favor of James Murray, Esquire, agreeably to the Comptroller's report: The one for the sum of seven shillings and six pence, and the other for two pounds eight shillings and eight pence, State money, for flour and beef furnished for the public.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Johnston attending in Council, communicated the wishes of the House that some public mode of demonstrating our common joy upon the arrival of the definitive treaty should be adopted, and that Council would be pleased to consider with them how such demonstration can be most properly made.

Ordered, That this consideration be taken up to-morrow, and that Messieurs Biddle, Peale, Neville, Bedford and Craig, be requested to give their attendance.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John McDonald, for fifty-six pounds five shillings specie, agreeably to the Comptroller's report, upon his account for rations furnished for the Washington county militia, to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, November 25th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John McDowell, Samuel J. Atlee, John Neville, Stephen Balliot, Isaac Mason, } Esquires.

John Boyd, Esquire, attending in Council, and taking the oaths prescribed by the Constitution, took his seat at the Board, agreeably to the order of Saturday the twenty-second instant.

James Searle, Esquire, was admitted to the audience of Council upon the subject of his services and expences as the Agent of this State in Europe.

Upon the petition of Anthony Fund, convicted of larceny, and sentenced to a corporal punishment of ten lashes,

Ordered, That in consideration of his advanced age and extreme poverty, the said punishment be remitted.

Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, and his Associate Justices, attending in Council, agreeably to a request of this Board, a conference was had upon the necessity of inforcing the law intitled "An Act for suppressing vice and immorality."

Agreeably to the order of yesterday, the Committee of the House, Messieurs Biddle, Peale, Neville, Bedford and Craig, met this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, November 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable JAMES EWING, Esquire, Vice President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Neville, John McDowell, Isaac Mason, Samuel J. Atlee, W. John Boyd, Stephen Balliot, } Esquires.

A letter from Governor Harrison was read.

Ordered, That a copy of it be transmitted to the Reverend Dr. John Ewing and others, Commissioners on the part of this State for determining lines of boundary between this State and the State of Virginia.

On consideration,

Ordered, That under a sense of the many ill effects resulting from the toleration of fairs, it be communicated to the Magistracy as the opinion of Council, that their authority should be uniformly exerted to prevent them.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Nicholson, Esquire, Comptroller General, for the sum of five hundred pounds, State money, to be applied to the discharge of a third part of depreciation certificates.

Upon the petition of John Christie and Andrew Lytle, for themselves and others, officers of the Pennsylvania line, and purchasers of a tract of land in the county of Bucks, confiscated and sold as the property of Andrew Allen, Esquire,

Ordered, That the aforesaid petition be recommended to the Hon'ble House of Assembly, for the sollicited relief.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, November 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Isaac Mason,
John M'Dowell, John Boyd,
Bernard Dougherty, Stephen Balliot,
John Nevill,

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, November 28th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honourable James Irvine, Isaac Mason,
John M'Dowell, John Boyd,
Bernard Dougherty, Stephen Balliot, } Esquires.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Isaac Mason, Esq'r, for twenty-four pounds two shillings and six pence, in full of his account for attendance in Council to the thirtieth day of November, 1783, inclusively, and his mileage.

A letter from Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, upon the subject of the State land on the northern side of the Ohio river, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, November 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, Isaac Mason,
John Nevill, John Boyd, and } Esquires.
Bernard Dougherty, Stephen Balliot,

The petition of Joseph Bœhm, convicted of forgery, was read and rejected.

The petition of John Patton and David Lennox, praying to be jointly appointed to the place of City Auctioneer, was read, and postponed for consideration.

John Cadenhead, late Master of the ship Success, lately wrecked in the river Delaware, presented a petition, praying that some two merchants may be appointed to survey the cargo of the said ship, and report upon it agreeably to law.

A letter from Cunningham and Nesbitt upon the same subject was also read.

Ordered, That John Cadenhead deliver to Council an accurate inventory of all the goods and materials mentioned in his memorial of yesterday, particularizing every mark on the bales or covers of the goods, and exactly as possible the names of the shippers, and of the persons to whom consigned, and the present condition of such goods and materials.

The Comptroller General's reports in favor of the following officers and soldiers were read and approved, and an order drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation, vizt:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Jacob Swetzgay, private in the German regiment,	50	0	9	3	0	0
Mrs. Sarah, Representative of Lt. Thos. Boyd, of 1st do.,	240	17	10	14	9	0
Do. do. Ensign Wm. Boyd, of 12th do.,	41	5	0	2	9	5
Doctor William Brown, late Mate in Gen'l Hosp'l, dec'd, by John Brown, his heir at law,	215	7	0	12	18	6
John Haragan, late private of the fifth do.,	92	5	4	5	10	7
Estate of John Parke, late L't of second do.,	222	1	5	13	6	5
Captain Lieut't James Lloyd, of the Artillery, do.,	272	8	6	16	6	9
John Donovan, late private of the third do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Stephen Bayard, L't Colonel of the eighth do.,	546	5	11¾	32	15	6
Marmaduke Hanly, late private of the sixth do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Jacob Reiner, late Captain Schott's corps,	79	7	8	4	15	2
Samuel Hastings, late Gunner of Artillery, do.,	101	1	7	6	1	3
John Davis, late Matross of do. do.,	44	7	9	2	13	3

	Principal.			Interest.		
Andrew Trevis, late a private of the second do.,	42	1	8	2	10	4
Charles Cooper, late private in the fifth do.,	60	1	7	3	12	1
Archibald Murphy, Serjeant in the second do.,	83	1	4½	4	19	7
Isaac Craig, Captain of the Artillery do.,	417	6	4	25	0	8
The Hon'ble Edward Hand, Esq'r, Brig'r Gen'l,	1,690	19	11	101	9	1
Richard Johnston, late private of the second do.,	87	1	7	5	4	5
James Dagley, do., third do.,	87	8	1	5	4	9
Peter Paul, late Ensign Flying Camp,	35	0	0	2	2	0
Robert Nettles, late Corporal, third do.,	94	14	5	5	13	6
John Barr, late private of the eleventh do.,	83	9	8	5	0	1
William Warren, late private of the tenth do.,	83	13	1	5	6	5
Capt'n Lieu't James McClure of the Artillery, do.,	350	8	3	21	0	5
James Gallant, late private of the Invalid, do ,	78	18	4	4	14	7
Charles Holder, do., of the second do.,	88	11	7	5	6	2
Henry Miller, do. do.,	88	11	7	5	6	2
Matthias Clousher, late Dragoon, Colo. Lee's legion,	82	18	5	4	19	4
Christopher Berris, do., private in the eleventh do.,	91	6	1	5	9	6
Widow and children of Patrick Herron, do. third do.,	60	17	7	3	13	1
Major James Ried, of Hazen's do.,	100	0	0	6	0	0
Captain William Sproat, of the third do.,	500	0	0	30	0	0
Timothy Flanagan, private in the second do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
William Irvine, Esquire, Brigadier General,	797	7	9	47	16	9
Widow and children of Alex'r Wilson, L't of Hazen's regim't, deceased,	78	3	4	4	13	9
Elias Williams, Sergeant of Artillery,	90	14	2	5	8	9
Adm'r of Geo. Whibble, late private of the second do.,	51	3	9	3	1	4
Lieu't Colo. Caleb North, of the second, do.,	388	15	10¾	23	6	5
Margaret Henderson, the widow & Adm'x of John Henderson, late private of sixth do.,	56	6	1	3	7	6

	Principal.			Interest.		
Christian Miller, late private of the third do.,	88	13	1	5	6	4
Major James Grier, of the tenth do.,	82	0	0	4	18	4
Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmar of the third regiment.						
Do. Samuel Hay, 10th do.,						
Lieutenant John Harper, Brigade Major 2nd do.,	275	12	1	22	10	5
Major James Parr, late of the seventh do,						
Thomas Fletcher, late private of the first do.,	54	1	5	3	4	10
Captain John Marshall, of the third do,	182	7	7	10	18	9
Abner Everitt, late Lieutenant Flying Camp,	133	10	0	8	0	2
Wm. Ferguson, Adm'r of John Mullen, Matross Artillery,	59	1	1	3	10	9
Henry Yeable, late private German regiment,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Llewellin Davis, L't of the fifth do.,	66	12	5	3	19	10
Sarah Powers, Adm'x of Wm. Powers, late private 2nd do,	59	1	7	3	10	10
Leonard Broom, Sergeant of Artillery, do.,	87	17	5½	5	5	4
Thomas Jenny, Lieutenant, late of the fifth do.,	230	13	8	13	16	9
John Harris, Bombadier of Artillery, do.,	78	3	9	4	13	9
Estate of Thomas McGee, private of the second do.	59	1	7	3	10	10
Joseph Williams, late Serjeant Major eleventh do.,	61	9	7	3	13	8
Matthew Long, late private of the first do,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Captain John Patterson, late of the second do.,	239	16	3	14	7	8
Colonel Francis Johnston, late of the fifth do.,	67	8	1	4	0	9
Christopher Gettey, late Lieutenant of the 12th do.,	76	14	6	4	12	0
Christian Stake, late Captain in the Flying Camp,	269	9	5	16	3	3
Mark Bingley Worrell, Serjeant Invalid do.,	68	3	2	4	1	9
Jacob Grinder, Adm'r of Geo. Ja. Grinder, Dragoon Lee's Legion,	32	3	1	1	18	4

	Principal.			Interest.		
Lieutenant William Murren,	13	10	0	0	16	2
John Tame, Matross of Artillery,	72	1	11	4	6	5
Estate of Jacob Mc de Hart, Ensign second regiment,	245	13	6	14	14	9
Ezekiel Howell, Lieutenant of Artillery, do.,	385	10	1	23	2	7
John Light, Corporal Penn'a Cavalry,	93	1	3	5	11	8
Captain Walker Finney,	64	18	6	3	17	9
do. John Bankson,	38	17	1½	2	6	7
James Glen, private in the tenth regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Joseph Madden, do. second do.,	45	9	11	2	14	7
Captain. Edmund Burke, of eleventh do.,	184	15	7	12	1	5
Ferdinand Swartz, late private second do.,	54	11	3	3	5	4
Joshua Rees, private Lee's Partizan Legion,	86	7	2	5	3	7
John Brown, Fifer of the German do.,	71	8	8	4	5	7
Michael Tern, private of the sixth do.,	56	18	4	3	8	2
Doctor William M'Closky, Surg'n's Mate, Art'y Artif'rs,	150	5	5	9	0	3
Michael Karr, private of the third, do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Samuel Platt, Surgeon's Mate of ninth do.,	386	6	8	23	2	4
Nathaniel Simpson, private of the third do.,	56	6	5	3	7	6
Philip Roth, Master music, Colo. Lee's Legion,	67	3	4	4	0	6
John Hellar, private in the tenth, do.,	57	3	1	3	8	6
Thomas Bowland, do. do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Daniel Broadhead, Esquire, Colonel of eighth do.,	74	17	9	4	9	9
Lieutenant Robert Martin, of the first do.,	46	3	9¾	2	15	4
Peter Middagh, late Lieutenant Flying Camp,	69	15	0	4	3	7
Jacob Dult, late a Captain do.,	159	3	2	9	10	11
Lieutenant David Hammond, of the first regiment,	150	0	0	9	0	0
Jacob Schreider, late a Matross Artillery Artificers,	40	0	5	2	8	0
Daniel Salladay, private of the fifth regiment,	55	9	2	3	6	6
George Mercer, do. 8th do.,	12	1	0	0	14	4
Adolph Cruseillius, Trumpet Major, Colo. Lee's Legion,	66	17	3	2	0	2

	Principal.			Interest.		
Lieutenant John Mahan, of the 11th regiment,	253	2	11	15	3	9
Philip Kean, private of 2nd do.,	59	1	7	3	10	9
Widow & children of Lt. Peter Martin, 11th do.,	34	14	8	2	1	6
Rev'd Mr. Samuel Shannon, Lt. Flying Camp,	154	6	3	9	5	1
Thos. Dungan, Adm'r of William Ricketts, private 3rd regiment,	55	15	4	3	7	0
Isaac Miller, late private 8th do.,	62	8	0½	3	14	9
Valentine Stiegle, do. 11th do.,	82	1	5	4	18	5
John Finley, Captain in the 8th do.,	527	18	0	31	13	4

A number of deeds, bonds, &ca., the property of the late corporation of this city was, upon order of the General Assembly, transmitted to this Board, and are as follows, to wit:

		Date,	
Lease from William Coats to George Okill,	26th	August,	1742.
Counterpart, release do. to do.	27	do.	do.
Release, George Okill to John Inglis,	27	March,	1744.
Release, William Coates to George Okill,	27	August,	1742.
Deed, John Inglis to Andrew Elliott,	19	March,	1759.
Do. Andrew Elliott & wife to William Whitebread,	16	April,	1760.
Copy, John Stacey's will,	4	November,	1727.
Writ, John Potts against William Shed,	17	September,	1764.
Deed, William Potts & wife to John Potts,	10	February,	1765.
Do. John Potts to William Potts,	14	do.	do.
Do. Richard Pidgeon and wife to John Clifton,	25	September,	1748.
Do. Isaac Norris & others to Mayor and Commonalty,	16	July,	1764.
Do. Jeremiah Williamson to David Williamson,	13	June,	1773.
Do. Judah Foulke to Jeremiah Williamson,	2	do.	do.
Do. Jeremiah Williamson to Zachariah Endress,	7	May,	1774.
Do. David Williamson & wife to do.,	do.	do.	do.

Bond and mortgage, Wm. Whitebread, dated 14th Aug't, 1772, for £100 0 0, interest paid up to 14th August. 1777.

Bond, Nicholas Power and Michael Hillegas, dated 31st August, 1749, for £81 12 0, interest paid up to 31 August, 1776.

Bond, Benjamin Jacobs and others, dated 4th November, 1771, for £150, the interest paid up to 4 November, 1776.

Bond and mortgage, Zacharias Endres, dated third of June, 1774, for £250, the interest paid up to 3 June, 1775.

Do. do. William Potts, dated thirty-first of November, 1770, for £100, the interest paid up to 21st of November, 1774.

Bond, Philip Syng and others, dated 29th of January, 1767, for £750 0 0.

Will of John Clifton, dated 2nd of April, 1755, and James Allen's opinion thereon.

Two policys of Insuranee, William Clifton, 1 December, 1772.

Receipt for £5 0 0, Sarah Goodman from Mrs. Williamson.

Lease for one year, George Okill to John Inglis, 26 March, 1744.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 1st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excelleney JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Bernard Dougherty, George Wall, Jun'r, John Neville, John McDowell, Isaac Mason, and Stephen Balliot, John Boyd, } Esquires.

Agreebly to the order of Saturday last, Mr. John Cadenhead, presented to Council an inventory of the goods, materials, &ca., &ca., mentioned in his memorial of Friday, the twenty-eighth ult., upon which it was,

Ordered, That John Cadenhead publish the said inventory in the Pennsylvania Gazette and Pennsylvania Journal, stating his application to this Board, and calling upon the persons supposed to be consignees, and all others concerned, to make their objections, if any they have, against the sale prayed for. That he inform this Board what proof he has that the said goods or any of them are insured, or what reason to believe they are so insured; that he enumerate and describe the anchors, cables, sails, rigging, &ca., mentioned, and the present condition thereof.

A return of Justices elected for the town of Bedford, was read, and Mr. Hugh Barckley appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in said county.

A letter from Alexander Patterson, Esquire, inclosing a copy of Zebulin Butler's commitment, was read.

Mr. Dougherty was named to attend the President at the Board of Property, which sits this morning.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Frederick Sneider, for the sum of twenty pounds, the ballance of his account against the State, for his wages as Door-keeper 'till the thirtieth of November, 1783, inclusively, and fire wood furnished for the use of Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 2nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John Neville, George Wall, Jun'r, Isaac Mason, John McDowell, John Boyd, and Stephen Balliott, Bernard Dougherty, John Byers, } Esquires.

Mr. Irvine was appointed to the Board of Property, vice Mr. Dougherty.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 3rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Byers, George Wall, Junior, John Neville, John McDowell, Isaac Mason, and Stephen Balliot, John Boyd, } Esq'rs.

Several papers, accompanied by a letter from Major James Moore, were read and transmitted to the House of Assembly.

A resolution of the General Assembly adopting the report of their committee appointed to confer with this Board concerning the demonstrations of joy to be made upon the confirmation of the definitive treaty, was read, and an order drawn on the Treasurer in consequence, for three hundred pounds, in favor of Colonel Clement Biddle, he to be accountable.

The President presented to the Board a draft of a message to the Assembly, which being read, was agreed to in the words following, to wit:

A message from the President and the Supreme Executive Council to the General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN:—We perceive by your minutes sent to us, that you are of opinion that the vendue laws are expired, and we find it is probable a new law will be passed this session, and Auctioneers be nominated therein.

It is with sincere and respectful concern that we differ in judgment from your Honorable House concerning the expiration of the

said laws, and the propriety of the nomination mentioned. But whatever may be our reluctance in dissenting from your sentiments in affairs of public importance, yet we are persuaded you will acknowledge that our sense of duty to the State ought to supercede other considerations.

We therefore, desire a conference with your Honorable House, as soon as your convenience will permit.

JOHN DICKINSON.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 3rd, 1783.

The Clerk of the General Assembly attending at the door, was introduced, and informed Council that, agreeably to the preceeding message, the House had appointed to-morrow (ten o'clock) for the conference requested.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 4th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Boyd,	Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r	John Neville,	
John McDowell,	Stephen Balliot, and	
John Byers,	Bernard Dougherty,	
Isaac Mason,		

A return of Justices for the town of Northampton, and county of Northampton, was read, and Peter Rhoads, Esquire, was commissioned.

The petition of James Adair, convicted of larceny at the May sessions of the Supreme Court, held at Carlisle, 1783, with the recommendation of Chief Justice McKean, and several other intercessionary papers, was read, and an order taken that the corporal punishment to which the said Adair was sentenced, be remitted.

The conference between this Board and the General Assembly took place as determined in the minutes of yesterday.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 5th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Isaac Mason,	} Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Neville,	
John McDowell,	Bernard Dougherty,	
Stephen Balliott,	John Boyd,	

A resolution upon the case of Levi Griffith, from the General Assembly, was read.

A letter from General Armand, inclosing a list of such men of his corps as were recruited in this State, and by a resolve of Congress become a part of the Pennsylvania line, was read.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 6th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Boyd,	} Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Neville,	
John McDowell,	Stephen Balliot,	
John Byers,	Bernard Dougherty,	

A letter from Alexander Patterson, Esquire, inclosing a copy of the second commitment of Zebulon Butler, was read.

Commissions to Alexander McClean, Esquire, as Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, in the county of Fayette, were dated this day, and forwarded.

Monday, the eighth of December, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 9th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Stephen Balliot,	Esquires.
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Boyd, and	
John Neville,	Isaac Mason,	
John McDowell,		

Mr. McGoffin, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Smith, a committee from the House of General Assembly, attending in Council, a conference was had upon the claims of Captains Christie and Lyttle.

A memorial from De Marcellin and Le Roy, two French gentlemen in the service of the United States and line of Pennsylvania, was read.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favour of the Honorable John McDowell, for twenty-six pounds five shillings, in full of his account for attendance in Council till the thirtieth of November, 1783, inclusively.

In favor of the Honorable John Neville, for thirty-four pounds ten shillings, in full of his account for attendance at this Board till the eighth instant, inclusively.

In favor of Adolph Cruceillius, for the sum of fifty seven pounds ten shillings, being the ballance of his account against the State, to be paid in thirty days from the eighth instant, agreeably to resolution of Assembly dated yesterday.

A letter from John Cadenhead, informing Council that he had complied with their order of the first instant, and praying that an inspection might now take place; upon which it was

Ordered, That Messieurs Samuel Caldwell, William Coxe, and William Pollard, be appointed to inspect the goods and materials mentioned in John Cadenhead's memorial of the twentieth of last month, to report the condition thereof, and whether they come within the intent and benefit of the act intitled "An Act to alter and amend an act of Assembly intitled 'An Act for the effectual suppression of auctions and vendues, & to prohibit male persons, capable of bearing arms, from being hawkers and pedlars,' so far as to allow the sale, by public auction, of goods damaged or shipwrecked," passed the second day of March, 1780.

Two orders were drawn on the Naval Officer in favor of Major John Armstrong, Jun'r, and William McPherson, for two hundred & seventy-five dollars each, agreeably to resolution of December 6th, 1783.

The memorial of Daniel Drais was read, and referred to the Comptroller General.

A draft of an address to his Excellency General Washington was laid before the Board; which, being read, was agreed to, and is the words following, to wit:

IN COUNCIL, Philadelphia, December 9th, 1783.

SIR:—Your return in safety and health to this city, from which you first set out, commissioned to defend the liberties of your country, and after so successful a performance of that high trust, affords us a most sincere joy.

We heartily congratulate you on the late honorable peace, by which the freedom, sovereignty, and independence of the United States are fully acknowledged, their territorial rights ascertained, and the calamities of war terminated.

When we contemplate your conduct in every period of the eventful contest, and the various proofs you have exhibited of your love for your fellow-citizens, our minds are filled with sentiments which we are convinced you would rather deserve than have expressed, if they could be expressed.

They are sentiments, sir, representing you in such a light to us, that ardently wishing you every happiness of this life, we feel ourselves equally moved by duty and affection to beseech the best and greatest of Beings, in his good time, to bestow upon you the felicities of that to come.

When I thus communicate the sense of Council, I rejoice in the opportunity of testifying with how perfect an esteem

I am, sir, your Excellency's most obedient servant,

JOHN DICKINSON.

His Excellency General Washington.

Ordered, That the foregoing address be presented to his Excellency General Washington.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 10th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, Stephen Balliot, George Wall, Junior, John Neville, and John McDowell, Isaac Mason, Bernard Dougherty, } Esquires.

A petition from Andrew Yarrington, of Wyoming township, was read, and a resolution taken that Alexander Patterson, Esquire, and his Associate Justices, should be directed to report upon it to this Board.

A letter from Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, read on the ninth of September last, was again called up, and an order taken that John Proctor, Esquire, be directed to receive from Mrs. McCoy, of the county of Westmoreland, all the bonds, book accounts, &ca., &ca., late the property of Alexander Ross, an attainted traitor, and that suits be immediately commenced upon the said bonds, &ca., &ca., for the benefit of the State.

Agreeably to the following resolution of the General Assembly, a re-conveyance to the Commonwealth of a tract of land purchased by John Christie and Andrew Lytle, Esquires, for themselves and others, as the confiscated property of Andrew Allen, Esquire, deceased, was made, and accepted by this Board.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Tuesday, December 9th, 1783, A. M.

Resolved, That the petitioners have their certificates given up to them, they re-conveying the tract of land in dispute to the State, and that the Attorney General be directed to prosecute the same.

Extract from the minutes.

PETER Z. LLOYD,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 12th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Neville, George Wall, Jun'r, Bernard Dougherty, John McDowell, John Byers, Stephen Balliot, Isaac Mason, John Boyd, } Esq'rs.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of John Weitzle, Esquire, for the sum of twenty pounds five shillings, being a ballance due to him upon the settlement of his account against the State for the supply of Captain Robinson's Rangers, agreeably to the Comptroller's of the tenth day of November, 1783; to be paid out of the fund appropriated to the frontier defence.

In favor of Christopher Baker, for the sum of five pounds thirteen shillings, due on his account against the State for writing.

Upon the Naval Officer, in favor of Lieutenant James McMichael, for the sum of three hundred dollars, advanced in part of his part by a resolution of the Assembly of the ninth instant.

The following letter from his Excellency General Washington, in reply to their address of the ninth instant, was read:

To his Excellency the President and the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN:—I am duly affected by the welcome reception I have met with on my return to this city, and accept with unusual pleasure your obliging congratulation.

But I feel myself particularly indebted to you, gentlemen, for that delicate sensibility which hath spared my feelings, and by suppressing your sentiments of my conduct, placed it in but too fair a point of light.

It is from a heart overflowing with gratitude for your past assistance and present politeness, that I reciprocate all your benevolent wishes.

While my farewell blessing thus attends you, permit me to give this last public testimony of the great respect and esteem with which I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient, humble servant,

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Philadelphia, tenth of December, 1783.

The following deeds were examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for divers city lots, marked in the general plan of city lots remaining in the Surveyor General's office, and sold for the redemption of the bills of this State dated the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, to wit:

To Edward Laskey, for lot No. 1197,	consideration money	£77 0 0
Isaac Melcher for lots No. 1728 and 1729,	do.,	420 0 0
John Davidson, for lot No. 1731,	do.,	315 0 0

Which sums have been paid to the Treasurer of the State, as appears by his receipts. Deeds dated the ninth day of December, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 13th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, John M'Dowell, Stephen Balliot, Bernard Dougherty, John Boyd, John Neville, Isaac Mason, John Buyers, } Esquires.

A letter from Henry Wynkoop, Esquire, stating the circumstances of John Jhiff, convicted of horse stealing, and sentenced to be cropped, &ca., was read. On which it was

Resolved, That the cropping be remitted.

The petition of James Hemphill, of Northampton county, praying the redress of this Board, with the Attorney General's opinion upon the subject, was read.

The Comptroller's report on the recruiting account of James McCullough, was read and approved.

The memorial of Messieurs McClenaghans and Moore, merchants of Philadelphia, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the memorialists publish in at least two of the newspapers of this city, an accurate inventory of all the goods, materials, &ca., &ca., saved from the wreck of the Brigantine Philadelphia, mentioned in their memorial of to-day, and that in the same advertisement, they state their application to this Board, and call upon the persons supposed to be consignees, and all others concerned, to make their objections, if any they have, against the sale prayed for.

Ordered, That William Nichols, John Purviance, and Thomas Irwin, be appointed to inspect the goods and materials mentioned in the aforesaid memorial, to report the condition thereof, and whether they come within the intent and benefit of the act intitled "An Act to alter and amend an act of Assembly intitled 'An Act for the effectual suppression of public auctions and vendues, and to prohibit male persons capable of bearing arms from being hawkers and pedlars,' so far as to allow the sale of public auction of goods damaged or ship-wrecked," passed the second day of March, 1780.

Monday, December 15th, 1783.

No Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 16th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Bernard Dougherty,
George Wall, Junior,	Stephen Balliott,
John M'Dowell,	Isaac Mason.
John Neville,	

The two following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, to wit:

In favor of Mr. Griffith Evans, for thirty-one pounds five shillings due to him for two months, as assistant to the Comptroller General, ending the fourteenth instant

In favor of the Honorable Thomas Fitzimmons, in full of his account for attendance in Congress till the eighteenth of November, 1883, inclusively.

The accounts of John Thompson and Daniel Martin, Collectors of Excise for the county of Bucks, as the same were reported by the Comptroller General, were read and approved.

A report of the merchants appointed by Council to inspect into the state of the goods, materials, &c., saved from the ship Success, was read, approved, and an order of sale directed to issue.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 17th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Neville,	Esq'rs.
George Wall, Junior,	Bernard Dougherty,	
John M'Dowell,	Isaac Mason,	
Stephen Balliott,	John Boyd,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of McClarey Campbell, for the sum or thirty seven pounds ten shillings and six

pence State money, due to him on his account of provisions furnished for public use, agreeably to resolution of Assembly dated the eighth day of May, 1782.

John Bayard, Esquire, attending in Council, represented that the goods saved from the wreck of the Brigantine Philadelphia are in so perishable a condition that it will become necessary to dispense with some part of the order of this Board of the thirteenth. He further represented that Mr. William Nichols, one of the gentlemen named for the inspection, was much indisposed, and of course could not give his attendance; on which it was

Resolved, That the first part of the sentence of Saturday last, requiring an inventory of all the goods, materials, &ca., saved from the above-mentioned wreck, be published in at least two of the newspapers of this city, &ca., be dispensed with; That Mr. John Taylor be named to the place of Mr. Nichols, and that upon their report an order of sale shall immediately issue.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John Solomon Miller, for three hundred pounds specie, being the reward allowed by proclamation of Council dated the thirteenth day of September, 1783, for apprehending and securing Mahlin Doan.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 18th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Neville,	Esq'rs.
George Wall, Junior,	John Boyd,	
John McDowell,	Isaac Mason,	
Stephen Balliott,	Bernard Dougherty,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in the favor of John Rose, Esquire, Secretary to the Council of Censors, for one hundred pounds specie, towards defraying the incidental expences of the said Council, out of the money appropriated for the expences of government, agreeably to resolution of Assembly dated the twenty-second of November, 1783.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, December 19th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine, John Neville,
George Wall, Jun'r, Bernard Dougherty,
John McDowell, Isaac Mason,
John Byers, } Esq'rs.

The following orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt:

In favor of Captain Joseph Green, for the sum of one hundred and sixty-six pounds three shillings and five pence, State money, due to him for military supplies.

In favor of William Attmore, for sixteen pounds ten shillings, being one year's ground rent of a lot at the corner of Market and Sixth streets, due on the first instant.

In favor of Samuel Kinsey, for fifteen pounds specie, due to him on his account of wages as Messenger of the Honorable the Council of Censors, from the fourteenth of November 'till the thirteenth instant, inclusively.

In favor of Joseph Dolby, for the sum of six pounds, due to him for ringing the bells on the arrival of the Commander-in-Chief.

The petition of Isaiah Thompson was again read, and rejected.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December, 20th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, John Neville,
George Wall, Jun'r, Bernard Dougherty,
John McDowell, John Boyd, and
John Byers, Isaac Mason, } Esq'rs.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 22nd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Jr., John McDowell, John Byers, Stephen Balliot, John Neville, John Boyd, Bernard Dougherty, and Isaac Mason, } Esq'rs.

The petition of William Pikner, late Corporal of the first Pennsylvania regiment, and now enlisted in Major Moore's corps, praying to be furnished with some articles of cloathing to enable him to join the said corps at Wyoming, was read; and it was

Ordered, That in consideration of his particular circumstances, he be furnished with one blanket, one pair of stockings, and one pair of shoes, to be paid for out of the money in the hands of the Secretary of this Board.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 23rd, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine, George Wall, Junior, Stephen Balliott, John Boyd, John Nevell, and Isaac Mason, } Esquires.

Captain James Chrystie attended in Council, and presented a letter from Major James Moore, together with several returns, enlistments, &ca., which being read, were transmitted to the Comptroller's office.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 24th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	John Boyd,	Esq'rs.
George Wall, Junior,	Bernard Dougherty,	
Stephen Balliot,	John Byers,	
John McDowell,	John Neville, and	
Samuel J. Atlee,	Isaac Mason,	

A petition from James White, praying remission of some militia fines imposed upon his brother, Peter White, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Lieutenant of the county of York, to make inquiry into the facts stated therein, and take order according to law.

The memorial of Gaetano Porrogalli, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the memorialist publish in at least two of the newspapers of this city, an accurate inventory of all the goods mentioned in their memorial of to-day, saved from the wreck of the ship Two Friends, and that in the same advertisement they state their application to this Board, and call upon the persons supposed to be consignees, and all others concerned, to make their objections, if any they have, against the sale prayed for.

Ordered, That Messieurs Gerard Koch, John Miller, Junior, and James Abercrombie, be appointed to inspect the goods mentioned in the aforesaid memorial, to report the condition thereof, and whether they come within the intent and benefit of the act intitled "An Act to alter and amend 'An Act of Assembly intitled An Act for the more effectual suppression of auctions and vendues, and to prohibit male persons capable of bearing arms from being hawkers and pedlars,' so far as to allow the sale by public auctions of goods damaged or shipwrecked," passed the second day of March, 1780, page 294.

The Council met.

PHILAD'A, Friday, December 26th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Bernard Dougherty,	
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Byers,	
John McDowell,	John Nevell,	} Esquires.
Samuel J. Atlee,	Stephen Balliot, and	
John Boyd,	Isaac Mason,	

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable John Boyd, Esquire, for fifty-four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, in full for his attendance in Council 'till this day, inclusively, and mileage.

On motion for a sett of mathematical instruments and a sett of globes for the use of this Council,

Ordered, That Mr. Wall and Mr. Dougherty do purchase a sett of each.

The memorial of several persons, on "behalf of the society called by some the Free Quakers," praying Council to allow them the preference in the purchase of a lot of ground, described in said memorial, for the purpose of interring their dead, was read; and on consideration,

Resolved, That this Council will recommend the said memorial to the General Assembly at their next meeting.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, September 27th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Stephen Balliot,	
George Wall, Junior,	Isaac Mason,	
John McDowell,	Bernard Dougherty,	} Esq'rs.
John Byers,	John Boyd,	
Samuel J. Atlee,	John Neville,	

A letter from Michael Huffnagle, Esquire, Prothonotary of the county of Westmoreland, of the third instant, was received and read; and on consideration,

Ordered, That Michael Huffnagle and Robert Galbraith, Esquires, be appointed Agents for the sale of Confiscated Estates in the county of Westmoreland, to act in conjunction with Thomas

Galbraith and John Proctor, Esquires, the present Agents of that county: That the said Agents be called upon to make a correct and immediate report of all the estates confiscated in the county of Westmoreland, specifying those that have been sold; and that they do not proceed to the sale of any of the said estates until the further order of Council.

Peter Kohler, Esquire, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Northampton, upon a return made agreeably to law.

The Comptroller General's report on the account of William Scott, Esquire, late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of York, was read, approved, and an order drawn on the Treasurer in favour, for the sum of forty-five pounds nine shillings State money, and the sum of thirty-eight pounds six shillings and six pence specie; the former to be paid agreeably to resolution of Assembly of the eighth day of April, 1782, and the latter by an order to be drawn on the Treasurer of York county, payable out of the supplies for the year 1781, they being the ballances of his State money and specie accounts.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 29th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Bernard Dougherty,	Esqr's.
George Wall, Junior,	John Byers,	
John McDowell,	John Boyd,	
Sebastian Levan,	John Neville, and	
Samuel J. Atlee,	Isaac Mason,	
Stephen Balliott,		

The Comptroller's report on William Scott's additional account as late Commissioner of Purchases in the county of York, was read and approved, and an order drawn for the sum of nine pounds nine shillings specie, in full of the same, to be paid by the County Treasurer of York, out of the supplies for 1781.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Samuel Davison, Esquire, in full for his attendance in the Council of Censors, 'till the twenty-fourth instant, inclusively, and his mileage.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messieurs George Wall, Junior, and Bernard Dougherty, for fifteen pounds five shillings, for purchasing one sett of globes, one sett of mathematical instruments, and four maps, for the use of this Council.

The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 30th, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Honorable James Irvine,	Bernard Dougherty,	Esq'rs.
George Wall, Jun'r,	John Byers,	
John McDowell,	John Boyd,	
Sebastian Levan,	John Neville, and	
Samuel J. Atlee,	Isaac Mason,	
Stephen Balliot,		

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Honorable Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, for the sum of twenty-five pounds specie, in part of his salary as Judge of the Admiralty Court and Sessions of this State.

An order of survey was directed to John Lukens, Esquire, in favor of Brigadier General William Irvine, agreeably to act of the General Assembly dated on the twenty-fourth of August, 1783, and intitled "An Act

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The Council met.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, December 31st, 1783.

PRESENT:

His Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esquire, President.

The Hon'ble James Irvine,	Samuel J. Atlee,	Esq'rs.
John McDowell,	John Boyd,	
George Wall, Junior,	John Neville,	
Sebastian Levan,	Bernard Dougherty, &	
Stephen Balliot,	Isaac Mason,	

A draught of a letter to the Delegates of the State on the subject of was presented and approved.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to make entry of all the correspondence of this Board since the election of the present President, and that he be authorized to employ a Clerk for this purpose.

The Comptroller General's reports in favor of the following officers and soldiers, were read and approved, and an order

drawn for the interest due to each on the tenth day of April, 1782, as computed by him, to be paid out of the monies arising from the excise appropriated for the discharge of interest due upon depreciation certificates, viz't:

	Principal.			Interest.		
Jacob Myers, late a Serjeant of the 2nd Reg't,	£75	15	11	4	6	0
Conrad Reamy, late private do.,	54	9	11	3	5	4
Sarah, the widow of Alex'r M'Clintock, late Lieut. of the fifth regiment, deceased,	51	8	0	3	1	7
Peter Conrad, late Lieutenant of militia.	301	18	2	18	2	2
Captain James Gibbins,	167	19	11	10	1	7
Robert Wylie, late a private in the 3rd regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
John Ponsler, private in the second regiment,	85	1	7	5	2	1
Captain William Lusk, of the seventh do.,	300	0	1½	18	0	0
John Antrum, private in the fourth do.,	42	6	11	2	10	9
William Nelson, do. in the eleventh do.,	56	13	1	3	7	11
Thomas Campbell, Captain in fourth do.,	221	4	9⅓	13	5	4
Hugh Johnston, private in German do.,	13	8	4½	0	13	7
James Hutton do. seventh do.,	40	6	2	2	8	4
Andrew Rogers, Corporal in the 4th do.,	40	15	4	2	8	10
John Worling, private in the fifth do.,	57	11	2	3	9	0
John Martin, adm'r of Ja's Martin, Jun'r, late private of the second regiment, dec'd,	87	13	7	5	5	1
Patrick King, late private of 7th regiment,	85	13	4	5	2	9
Thomas Craig, Esq'r, Colonel of 3d do.,	624	7	4	37	9	2
George Noarth, Lieu't & Q'r Master 5th do.,	308	17	9	18	10	7
John Connor, private of the sixth do.,	83	1	7	4	19	8
Andrew Lytle, Lieu't of the fifth do.,	132	7	0	7	18	9
David Edgar, private, late of 9th do.,	85	18	1	5	3	0
Joseph Hubley, Esq'r, adm'r of George Hubley, late Captain German regim't,	241	19	6	14	10	3
Doctor Richard Allison, Surgeon's mate 5th regiment,	160	0	0	9	12	0
Do. as assignee of Major Hamilton,	73	1	10	4	7	7
John Lewis, Serjeant of the tenth regiment,	124	12	6	7	9	5
Jacob Winefield, private in first do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
John Coleman, do. do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11

	Principal.			Interest.		
Widow and adm'x of Daniel McIntire, late private of the second regiment, deceased,	56	13	1	3	7	11
Alexander Benstead, late Paymaster of 10th do.,	356	17	11	21	8	2
Rachel, the widow of Richard Johnston, late private, third regiment, deceased,	25	6	8	1	10	4
George McCulloh, adm'r of James McCulloh, late L't 5th regiment, deceased,	57	17	5	3	9	4
Captain John Christie, of the fifth regiment,	213	4	0	12	15	1
William Douglass, late private eleventh do,	57	6	7	3	8	8
Daniel Leary, Sergeant of the third do.,	83	2	6	4	19	8
Francis Mentgess, Colonel of the fifth do.,	300	0	0	18	0	0
Captain Samuel Smith, do.,	15	7	0	0	18	5
Thomas Webb, Corporal second do.,	85	8	7	5	2	5
James Stephenson, Serjeant of militia,	23	0	0	1	7	7
William Welsh, of the third do.,	54	14	7	3	5	6
Henry Eaton, Sergeant of the 4th do.,	80	0	2	4	16	0
Henry Weiss, adm'r of Jacob Weiss, late private 4th reg't, deceased,	38	13	11	2	6	4
William Barnes, private of the tenth regiment,	59	3	1	3	10	11
John Malone, do. do.,	58	13	1	3	10	4
John Armstrong, J'r, Esquire, Major P'a line,	650	2	7	39	0	1
William Burchill, private in the fourth regiment,	82	18	4	4	19	4
Samuel Porter, do. third do.,	59	3	1	3	10	11
Abraham Kinney, Ensign do. do.,	69	11	4	4	3	4
Jacob Halter, private in the second do.,	51	19	11	3	2	4
Michael Ealey, private in first do.,	44	11	5	2	13	4
John Buxton, do. third do,	58	12	0	3	10	3

A deed to William Kerlin was examined and signed by his Excellency the President, for 60 acres of land, situate in the township of Nether Providence, in the county of Chester, late the estate of Gideon Vernon, an attainted traytor. Deed dated the nineteenth day of November, 1783.

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